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THE LONE INDIAN.

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"He came to lie down and die beneath the broad oak which shadowed the grave of Sunny Eye. Alas, the white man's axe had been there. * * "The pale face may like it," murmured he, "but an Indian cannot die here in peace." So saying he broke his bow string, snapped his arrows, threw them on the burial place of his fathers, and departed forever."—*Mrs. Pioneer.*

I will look no more
On my own broad land,
That the white man tore
From my trembling hand.
I will break my bow,
I will tread alone,
Where the sun foes low,
And will soon go down.

I could bear with all
They have done to me,
I could bear to fall
As a withered tree.
But the spoiler's tread
Has been even here,
And my buried dead
In the white man's sneer

They have cut away
The old oak bough,
Whose leaves one day
I wreathed on her brow.
They have left her grave
To the boundry sun,
For the brave and the slave
To look upon.

My peoples foot
Tread here no more,
In the council seat
Where we met of yore.
The council house
Of the white man stands
Full of broken vows
And of bloody hands.

The river's banks
Are green this morn
With the waving ranks
Of their heavy corn.
And I see the smile
Of their great canoes
Glide o'er the vales
Where our river flows.

The pale face may think
Th t the land is good,
But the air I drink
Is my people's blood.
And I will not die
On this trodden ground,
And I cannot lie
With this race around.

My hair is grey,
And my arm is weak;
The sod will lay
On the Indian's cheek.
I will break my bow,
I will tread alone,
Where the sun is low,
And will soon go down.

Original Novel.

MARIAN;
Or, Ingleborough Hall.

A TALE OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

CONCLUDED.

WRITTEN FOR THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST,
BY HENRY WILLIAM HERBERT,
AUTHOR OF "MARMADUKE WYVIL," "GUARICA," "RINGWOOD THE ROVER," "CROMWELL," "THE BROTHERS," &c.

CHAPTER XVI.

Thus then had the days passed with Marian during those years of which her sister knew so little, each day sadder and bearing less of hope than the last. She had heard of her mother's death, that mother whom she had once so cherished, whose memory was still so dear to her—yet had those gloomy tidings brought no increase to the unhappy wife's cold sadness. No! so completely had the hardening touch of despair petrified all her feelings, that she now felt that nothing could increase or diminish the burthen, under which she labored. If she thought of the dead at all, it was to envy, not weep—it was to clasp her hands, and turn her eyes up to heaven, and to cry:—"Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors!" And worse every day, and more vicious—aye! and more loathsome and more cruel in his vices, did Ernest de Vaux show himself. Alas!—the career of vice, is as it were on a road up a steep mountain's side. There is no halting on the way, no standing still—no power of remaining where you are. Upward or downward, you must on, and on for ever! Upward with conscientious hopes and earnest struggles and energetical resolves to virtue and to honor and to peace—or downward, with headlong speed, to crime, and agony, and ruin, and that perdition which shall not end when all things else have reached their termination. Alas! I say—alas! for this latter was the path in which the steps of De Vaux were hurrying, and toward this termination.

From gentlemanly vice, as it is falsely called, and those extravagances or excesses rather, of which men, deemed by the world honorable, may be guilty without losing caste, Ernest began now to degenerate into low profligacy, vulgar habitual debauchery! His noble features and fine form had already begun to display the symptoms of habitual intemperance; his courtly manners and air once so noble had deteriorated sadly; his temper, so equable and mild, and at the least, in outward show so kindly, had become harsh, and querulous, uneven, and at times violent and brutal.

Yet Marian still clung to him, faithful in weal and wo, in wealth as in poverty—for at times, in the changes and chances of the civil war, they had in truth undergone much hardship—she was still the unchanged, unrepining, fond consoler—but alas! how cruelly, and how often were her sweet consolations cast back upon her, her kind and affectionate advances met with harsh words, and bitter menaces—and once! yes once, when the mad demon of intoxication was all powerful within him—yes! once with a blow.

It was the fifth year of the civil war, and though many fierce and sanguinary fields had been fought, many towns taken, many halls and manor-houses stormed and plundered, much generous, noble blood prodigally wasted, neither side yet had gained anything, or real or permanent advantage. It was the fifth year of the civil war, and the Marquis of Newcastle, one of the most accomplished and gallant noblemen of the day, was holding York for the King, though besieged with an overwhelming force, by the united forces of the English puritans and independents, under Lord Fairfax and Oliver Cromwell, and the Scotch covenanters, under David Leslie, and many of the protestant Lords of the sister kingdom.

The siege had indeed lasted some time, but although those within the city were beginning to look eagerly for the relief which was expected daily from Prince Rupert, they were not as yet straitened for provision, or dispirited. And here in the midst of present apprehension, and perhaps soon to be in the midst of peril, here in the very city, wherein she had passed those few bright days, the brightest and the happiest of her life, alas! that they should have led to consequences so cruelly disastrous—here in a poor mean lodging in a small narrow street, nigh Stonegate, dwelt the once bright and . appy Marian.

It was night, and, although summer time, the weather was exceeding damp and chilling. It was night, dead night, and quite dark, for there was no moon, and the skies were so cloudy that the faint glimmer of the stars failed to pierce their thick folds. There were no sounds abroad in the beleaguered city but the distant call from hour to hour of the answered sentinel, and the occasional tramp and clash of arms, as the grand rounds passed through the streets to visit the out-posts, or the relief parties marched toward the walls.

At this dead hour of the night, in a small wretched parlor scantily furnished with a few common wooden chairs, a coarse oak table on which stood a brazen lamp diffusing a pale uncertain light through the low roofed apartment, and sufficing barely to show the extreme poverty and extreme cleanliness of that abode of high born beauty, sat Marian, Lady de Vaux, plainly attired, and in no wise becomingly for her high station, pale, wan, and thin, and careworn, and no more like to the Marian Hawkwood of old days than the poor disembodied ghost to the fair form it once inhabited.

The floor of the wretched room was neatly sanded, for it was carpetless, and no curtains veiled the small latticed casements—the walls were hung with defensive armor and a few weapons, two or three cloaks and feathered hats disposed with a sad attempt at symmetrical arrangement and decoration—four or five books, some paper and materials for writing, and an old lute lay on the table by which Marian was sitting, and on another smaller board at a little distance, neatly arranged with a clean white cloth, stood a loaf of bread, the remnants, now very low reduced, of a sirloin, and a half bottle of red wine—the supper prepared by the hapless wife, herself fasting and hungered, for the base recreant husband.

An open Bible lay before Marian on the board, but though her eyes rested on the blessed promises, and her hands at times, as if mechanically turned its pages, her mind was far away, suspended on every distant sound, that rose from the deserted streets, starting at every passing footstep, with a strange mixture, as it seemed, of eager expectation and wild fear.

At length a quick strong heavy tread came up the street, and paused under the window.

"It is he," she said in listening intently, and a deep crimson flush rising to her whole face, but receding rapidly, and leaving only two round hectic spots high up on her cheek bones. "Thank God! it is he at last!" and she arose and trimmed the lamp, and drew the little table forward with the preparation for his supper—but, as the door below yielded to the pass-key which he carried, she started and turned white as ashes; for the sound of a second step reached her ears, and the soft cadence of a female voice. She paused, with her whole soul intent upon the sound, and as they came nearer and nearer, and more and more distinct—

"My God!" she said to herself, in a low choked whisper clasping her hands together, as if in mortal anguish, "my God! it cannot be!"

But it was—it was, as she dreaded—as she would not believe! Shame on the dastard villain! it was true!

The door opened suddenly, and Ernest de Vaux entered with a tall and exceedingly handsome woman leaning upon his arm, whom Marian recognized the very moment their eyes met, for the lady Agnes Trevor, of whose bold and shameless conduct with her husband she had long heard, though she strove to close her ears to them, a thousand cruel rumors. This last worst outrage, however, was not without its effect—even the worm, when trodden under foot, will, it is said, rise up against its torturer; and even her base husband was astonished at the superb and stately majesty with which the wronged and heart-broken woman drew herself up as they entered, at the flash of grand indignation which lightened from every speaking feature—if he had calculated that her spirit was so utterly cowed and broken that she would endure everything in silence—really had he erred, and tremendously was he now undeceived.

Even the guilty woman who accompanied him, started back in dismay—it would appear even, that she had not known before whither he was conducting her, for she shrunk back aghast and clung to his arm yet closer than before, as she asked in a tremulous and agitated tone—"who is this—who is this lady! Ernest!"

"It is his wife, madame!" replied Marian, taking a forward step—"his wedded wife, for whom it is rather to ask, who you are, that intrude thus upon her, at this untimely hour!"

"It is my wife, Agnes," answered De Vaux at the same moment—"my wife, who will be happy to extend her hospitality to you, until these most unhappy jars are ended, and you reconciled to my lord, to my lord—Marian, it is the Lady Agnes Trevor, who asks your welcome; assure her!"—

"I do assure her—" replied Marian, haughtily—"that she is perfectly fully welcome to enjoy all the comforts, all the hospitalities which this roof has to offer—this roof!"—

"Why that is well!"—replied her husband with a sneering smile, "I told you, Agnes, she would be very glad to receive you—she is a sweet, mild, patient little creature, this pretty wife of mine!"

"This roof," continued Marian, "which from this hour, shall never cover my head any more."

"Hey day! hey day! what is all this! what does this mean!"—

"It means, simply, that hitherto I have borne much, have borne all—but infamy—and infamy I will bear never. Fare-you-well, sir—may you repent, I say—may you repent, I say, and ere it be too late—and may you," she added, turning to the frail beauty, who stood trembling in her presence, "may you never know the agonies which you have heaped upon my soul!"

And she passed by them with a movement so impetuously rapid, that she was out of the door before Ernest, to whom Agnes Trevor was clinging still in mortal terror, could interpose to arrest her flight. But recovering himself, instantly he darted after and caught her by her dress, and would have dragged her back into the room—but she had hold of the balustrades of the staircase, and clung to them so strongly that he could not move her.

"Do you so little know me, Marian," he exclaimed furiously, "as to imagine that I would suffer my wife to go forth alone, a mark for evil tongues, at such an hour as this—back! Madam Marian—back to your chamber—or you will force me to do that I shall be sorry for!"

"Sorry for!" answered Marian with calm scorn, "you sorry for aught of injury to me! —and do you, sir, so little know me as to imagine that I would stay one moment under the same roof with you?"—

"With my what—with my what, madam!" shouted De Vaux, "beware how you answer!"

"Unhand me, sir, unhand me!" she replied, "unhand me, for I will go forth!"

"Answer me—with my what!—under the same roof with my what!" he again exclaimed, shaking her violently by the arm.

"With your harlots, sir," she replied firmly, and at the same moment two fearful sounds followed her words—one the most fearful sound, perhaps, that can be heard on earth at all—the sound of a heavy blow dealt by a man to a weak woman—the other a wild piercing female yell—a yell that echoed far and wide through the midnight city. But it came not, that awful shriek, from the lips of Marian.

No, no, it was the reckless, the abandoned outcast wife of the Lord Albert Trevor, that uttered that heart rending cry, as she rushed with a frantic air out of the chamber, and throwing herself at the feet of her seducer, and clasping his knees wildly with one hand, caught with the other his upraised right arm—upraised again to smite her whom he had sworn to love and honor.

"Me, me!" she cried, "oh, God—me! me! not her—strike me—strike me, not her! for I deserve it—deserve it all—all—all—me, as she rightly termed me—the outcast—the harlot!"

And with so powerful a grasp, moved by the ecstacy of remorse and frenzy did the frail creature restrain the ruffian's fury, that he was forced to stoop down and exert some power to remove her. But the moment Marian perceived what was passing, she darted down the stairs, and through the front door, which she closed violently behind her, and into the vacant street, and fled with a speed that soon set pursuit at defiance. That night she slept at her old uncle's house in the Minster yard, the following day York was relieved, and the siege of the Puritans raised by the fiery Rupert. On the third morning the royal troops sallied forth to give battle to the troops of Fairfax upon the fatal Moor of Long Marston, and while the roar of cannon was deafening the ears of all for miles around her, and her bad husband was charging in the maddest of the strife, Marian was hurrying home to die—hurrying home to die in the calm shades of Wharfdale.

CHAPTER XVII.

Thus things went on in the busy world abroad, and at home in the quiet vales of Ingleborough, until some days after the deadly fight and desperate defeat at Long Marston.

Autumn had come again—brown autumn—and Annabel now in her garden tending her flowers, and listening to her birds, and thinking of the past, not with the keen and piercing anguish of a present sorrow, but with the mellowed recollection of an old regret. She stood beside the stream—the stream that all unchanged itself had witnessed such sad changes in all that was around it—close to the spot where she had talked so long with Marian on that eventful morning, when a quick soft step came behind her—she turned and Marian clasped her!

No words can describe the feelings of the sisters as they met, and it was not till after many a fond embrace and many a burst of tears, that Marian told her how, after years of sufferance, compelled at last to fly from the outrageous cruelty of him, for whom she had thrown up all but honor, she now came home—home, like the hunted hare to her form, like the wounded bird to her nest—she now came home to die. "What could it boot," she said, "to forget the old and oft-told tale, how eager passion made way for uncertain and oft-interrupted gleams of fondness—how a love founded on no esteem or real principles, melted like wax before the fire—how inattention paved the way for neglect—and infidelity came close behind—and open profligacy, and bold insult, and cool maddening outrage followed. How the ardent lover became the careless husband, the cold master, the unfeeling tyrant, and at last the brutal despot.

Marian came home to die—the seeds of that invincible disease were sown deep in her bosom—her exquisitely rounded shape was angular and thin, emaciated by disease and suffering, and sorrow. A burning hectic spot on either cheek were now the only remnants of that once all-radiant complexion; her step so slow and faltering, her breath drawn sob by sob with actual agony, her quick short cough, all told too certainly the truth! Her faults were punished bitterly on earth, and happily that punishment had worked its fitting end—these faults were all repented, were all amended now. Perhaps at no time of her youthful bloom had Marian been so sweet, so truly lovely, as now when her young days were numbered.

All the asperity and harshnesses, the angles as it were of her character, mellowed down into a calm and unrepining cheerfulness. And oh! with what delicious tenderness did Annabel console, and pray with, and caress her—oh! they were indeed happy! indeed happy for those last months, those lovely sisters. For Annabel's delight at seeing the dear Marian of happier and better days once more beside her, in their old chamber, beside her in the pew of the old village church, had, for the time completely overpowered her fears for her sister's health, and as is almost invariably the case in that most fatal, most insidious of disorders, she constantly was flattered with vain hopes that Marian was amending, that the next spring would see her again well and happy. Vain hopes! indeed vain hopes—but which of mortal hopes is other?

The cold mists of November were on the hills and in the glens of Wharfdale—the trees were stripped of their last leaves—the grass was cered and withered—the earth cheerless—the skies comfortless—when, at the same predestined window, the sisters sat watching the last gleam of the wintry sun fade on the distant hill-top. What was that flash far up the road? That round and ringing report? Another! and another! the evident reports of musketry. And lo! a horseman flying—a wild fierce troop pursuing—the foremost rides bareheaded, but the blue scarf that flutters in the air, shows him a loyal cavalier; the steel caps and jack-boots of the pursuers, point them out evidently puritans,—there are but twenty of them—and lo! the fugitive gains on them—Heaven! he turns from the highroad! crosses the steep bridge at a gallop! he takes the park gate at a leap! he cuts across the turf! and lo! the caisemen and the tenants have mustered to resist—a short, fierce struggle! the roundheads are beat back! the fugitive, now at the very hall doors, is preserved. The door flew open—he staggered into the well-known vestibule, opened the parlor-door with an accustomed hand, and reeled into the presence of the sisters, exhausted with fatigue, pale from the loss of blood, faint with his mortal wounds —yet he spoke out in a clear voice.

"In time, in time, thank God! in time to make some reparation, to ask for pardon, ere I die!"

And with these words, De Vaux, for he it was, staggered up to his injured wife, and, dropping on his knees, cast his arms round her waist, and burying his head in her lap, exclaimed in faltering tones—

"Pardon me, Marian, pardon me, before I die; pardon me, as you loved me once!"

"Oh! as I love you now, dear Ernest—fully, completely, gladly do I pardon you, and take you to my heart, never again to part, my own dear husband."

"Groaning, she clasped him close, and in that act And agony her happy spirit fled."

Annabel saw her head fall on his neck, and fancying that she had fainted, ran to uplift her; but, ere she had time to do so, both were beyond the reach of any mortal sorrow—nor did she, the survivor, long survive them—she faded like a fair flower, and lies beside them in the still bosom of one common tomb. The hall was tenanted no more, and soon fell into ruin—but the wild hills of Wharfdale must themselves pass away, before the children of the dale-man shall forget the sad tale of the Sisters.

Revolutionary.

THE SILVER SPOONS.
A Story of the American Revolution.

A curious reader will fancy to himself, after eyeing the title of our narrative, that we are about to treat him with a racy romance professing to be the history of some legendary hero, who was "born with a silver spoon in his mouth." But he must not throw it aside in disgust, when we inform him that instead of romance, he is reading the veritable relic of a plain matter of fact, which occurred during the seven years war, that resulted in the emancipation of our country from the thraldom of British servitude.

Every one familiar with the history of the American Revolution is aware that the State of New Jersey, during a long period of the war, was the scene of keen contest and severe suffering; more especially that part of it which lies along and on either side of a line stretching from Philadelphia to the city of New York—a line on which the traveller passes, in these piping times of peace, with the greatest rapidity, and in the most perfect security, thanks to a gracious Providence and to our enterprising fellow citizens.

While the enemy was encamped* on Staten Island, Elizabethtown, the vicinity of which is separated from the island by a narrow channel, together with the villages and country adjacent, but Elizabethtown in particular, was visited, plundered and ransacked time and again. Dan law being as it were, under the very eye of the enemy, and under the muzzles of his guns was comparatively defenceless. Scouting and strolling parties, however, that would wander sometimes too high up in the neighboring country with too much confidence in their safety, suddenly found themselves beset by a spirited foe, whose sharp-shooters picked out their officers, and who often followed them in hot pursuit till within sight of their camp.

For want of other homes, notwithstanding the great danger and distress, many of the inhabitants of Elizabethtown and its vicinity did not remove. Besides this, and what added very much to the calamities our people endured, there were not a few of the citizens who had no cause to fear the British, and who were protected by them during the continuance of the war. Tories, or refugees, as they were then called, were the spies and guides of the enemy, and put him in possession of all the information he desired, by which his foragers could more certainly obtain their supplies, and the most effectual method on the American side might be singled out as the objects of vengeance and persecution. And it was always laid to their charge that the Rev. Mr. Caldwell, the pious and patriotic pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Elizabethtown, and his amiable wife, were singled out and shot by straggling British soldiers. This lamented clergyman was foremost among his flock, at that time almost the only Christians in that section, in denouncing the arbitrary measures of the British Government, and in stirring up the zeal and patriotism of the Americans in defence of their liberty. But his death did not allay the thirst for vengeance that had been excited in the heart of the enemy. The partner of his bosom had dared, as did many of the neighbors, to remain in her own house. It was there, one pleasant afternoon, seated in the midst of her little household, that a bullet from the musket of a soldier who was walking along the street, no hostile party in sight, broke a pane of glass in a window, and sent the excellent woman to an untimely grave.

Outrages like this could not but kindle feelings of the warmest animosity. And the result was many a gallant struggle between small parties from the opposing ranks, which not falling within the drift of the historian's design, have remained unrecorded, and survive only in the recollection of a few octogenarians, and in the dimmer traditionary keeping of the posterity of those hearts that lived in "a time that tried men's souls."

Almost all able to bear arms, old and young, were, some time or other, either as officers or privates, partakers in the contest. We would that it were in our power to glean out from the fast fading remembrances of the older people of that part of New Jersey a few more precious sheaves like the one we have now gathered. And, as matrimonial alliance some dozen years had brought us into a very close acquaintance with many of the present occupants of that classic soil, we live in hopes of the medium of the press, the innocent curiosity of our countrymen. And at the same time to perpetuate the memory of those worthies whose hearts beat as warm at Washington's, and whose counsels were as quite as indispensable as his commanding genius, to drive the haughty foe from our shores.

Mr. Josiah Meeker was a young gentleman of good family and means. He possessed a competent landed estate, in other words, a clever little farm, three miles Southwest from the then village, but now city of Newark, and some four or five to the North of Elizabethtown, in sight of "the blue hills of Jersey."

Hisold-fashioned cottage, which is still standing, and still the domicil of his posterity, was partly of stone and partly of wooden frame work. As you pass along one of the roads leading through Lyons's Farms, as lovely and well tilled a district as may be found in the whole country, abounding in smiling mansions and plenteous crops; and when you reach the top of the hill on which stands the stone school house, a lane or cross road diverges to your right, at right angles to the main road. This leads you through a pretty valley, the bottom of which is washed by a clear and cheerful stream of pure water. There, a few hundred yards from the school house, is the cottage, through the garden of which the stream runs. Nature has done so much for this sweet, quiet, poetic place, that the hand of art, which has not been wholly idle, is not needed to make it a most delightful spot. We must let your imagination bedeck the walks, and set off the borders with flowers and evergreens, while we follow on the thread of our story. Doubtless in this day of peace and prosperity, much time has been found for improvement and ornament, which the disasters between 1776 and 1783 afforded no leisure to attend to. Mr. Meeker was busy through the war and in the business of the war. He did not, however, belong to the rank and file; neither was he a commissioned officer. Yet from the honorable and trusty service in which he was engaged, it was proper for him to mount a pair of epaulettes and to be provided with a suit of uniform. Such was his character for prowess and self-command, that he was principally chosen to bear important communications from one division of the American army to another, through sections of the country in possession of the enemy's lines.

Sometimes he would be seen bounding along through the country on his gallant courser, in the dress of a colonel; at others, when the service required it, he would resume the plain farmer's garb. By these means he escaped detection and capture, while many of his less fortunate neighbors were found in their own houses, in military apparel, and consigned frequently, for years together, to the old sugar-house in the city of New York, which was the British jail for American prisoners. He invariably took the precaution, on his visits home, of leaving his regimental suit several miles up in the interior, at the house of some acquaintance or other; or else in the care of a brother officer on regular duty. Thus it was that parties of the enemy roaming about through the neighborhood, often called at his house and partook of the hospitalities, which it had been folly to deny them, of a humbis unpretending countryman, as they vainly supposed, who gave himself no concern about politics, war or liberty.

It is related of him that on one occasion, some fifteen or twenty English officers, who had been out on a frolic, came riding up, and showing some disposition to alight, were very kindly and submissively welcomed and invited in by Mr. Meeker, who ordered the woman, a servant that belonged to him, to prepare dinner for the whole party, while he very officiously led their horses to the stable, and supplied them with hay. He then came in and set out his brandy, which soon flowed freely around and put them in the best humor. Knowing that they would probably stay several hours, and that it would be two, or three, at least, before dinner would be ready; after expressing much regret at the necessity he was under of leaving them, he begged that they would excuse his absence from them awhile, as his grandmother lay very ill, and was not likely to live, and he had been about starting to see her, perhaps for the last time, just as they arrived. They confided with him most sincerely, and told him by all means to go and not suffer them to detain him. He mounted his horse and galloped off three or four miles, and soon gathered a party of the neighbors. By this time the red coats officers were in the midst of their comfortable entertainment, with appetites quite whetted up with the farmer's substitute for champagne, and exchanging the joyous salutations of wit and raillery.

There was Stout's house, one of the neighboring houses a *privileged* character, an old negro woman, named Jane. She was both a tory in her politics and a slave in her person. As was natural, she did not feel a very deep interest in the war, and had long since made the members of which were those who kept her in bondage. Our readers, however, are not hastily to infer that the characters of slave and tory were identical, for on an adjoining farm was a brother, a gracious Providence and to our enterprising fellow citizens.

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Mr. Josiah Meeker was a young gentleman of good family and means. He possessed a competent landed estate, in other words, a clever little farm, three miles Southwest from the then village, but now city of Newark, and some four or five to the North of Elizabethtown, in sight of "the blue hills of Jersey."

Hisold-fashioned cottage, which is still standing, and still the domicil of his posterity, was partly of stone and partly of wooden frame work. As you pass along one of the roads leading through Lyons's Farms, as lovely and well tilled a district as may be found in the whole country, abounding in smiling mansions and plenteous crops; and when you reach the top of the hill on which stands the stone school house, a lane or cross road diverges to your right, at right angles to the main road. This leads you through a pretty valley, the bottom of which is washed by a clear and cheerful stream of pure water. There, a few hundred yards from the school house, is the cottage, through the garden of which the stream runs. Nature has done so much for this sweet, quiet, poetic place, that the hand of art, which has not been wholly idle, is not needed to make it a most delightful spot. We must let your imagination bedeck the walks, and set off the borders with flowers and evergreens, while we follow on the thread of our story. Doubtless in this day of peace and prosperity, much time has been found for improvement and ornament, which the disasters between 1776 and 1783 afforded no leisure to attend to. Mr. Meeker was busy through the war and in the business of the war. He did not, however, belong to the rank and file; neither was he a commissioned officer. Yet from the honorable and trusty service in which he was engaged, it was proper for him to mount a pair of epaulettes and to be provided with a suit of uniform. Such was his character for prowess and self-command, that he was principally chosen to bear important communications from one division of the American army to another, through sections of the country in possession of the enemy's lines.

Sometimes he would be seen bounding along through the country on his gallant courser, in the dress of a colonel; at others, when the service required it, he would resume the plain

* Our impression is, that a part of the time there was also a British camp on the south land side of the channel

From the Magazines.

PARTING OF THE WIDOW'S SON.

BY MRS. L. H. SIGOURNEY.

Yon slender boy has back hath launched
On life's deceitful tide
His balmy years of childhood o'er,
He goes without a guide
Amid the stir and strife of men
His devious course to run,
The tempter and the snare to hide—
God bless the widow's son.

He turneth from the pleasant door,
And from the garden fair,
Where with his little spade he wrought
Ere breakfast-time was there.
He bears his head like manhood high,
Yet tears their course will run,
When on his stranger-bed he rests—
God bless the widow's son.

Ye say he goeth forth alone
To bear the enseebled field—
No, no! a spell is round him thrown,
More firm than diamond shield—
A mother's fervent prayer!
So, till his life is done,
Till time, and toil, and changes are o'er—
God bless the widow's son.

THE CURATE; OR, HOPES.

BY FREDERIKA BREMER.

I always had a peculiar method of travelling with the least possible distress along the stony road of life; although, in a physical as well as in a moral sense, I generally walked barefoot. I hoped! hoped on from day to day, from morn to noon, at evening for the next morning; in autumn for spring, in spring for autumn; from one year to another; and thus I had hoped away almost thirty years of my life's journey, without feeling severely any of my troubles, except the want of good boots. I consoled myself under this calamity when in the open air but when introduced to respectable company I was tormented with a desire of setting my tiresome feet somewhere, because they were best covered with leather. I ought to confess, too, that I felt my poverty still more when, in the huts of misery, I could give no better comfort than friendly words. But I comforted myself like thousands beside, with a hopeful glance at fortune's rolling wheel, and the philosophical observation, "Time will bring good counsel."

When I was curate under a country clergyman, with scanty pay and mean fare, I felt a sudden thrill when a letter from one of my acquaintances, gave me the information that my uncle P., a merchant in Stockholm, personally unknown to me, lay at the point of death, and, under a sudden attack of family affection, had expressed a desire to behold his good-for-nothing nephew.

And now see the thankful nephew with a little lean bundle under his arm, and a million of rich hopes in his breast, seated upon a most comfortable stiff-necked market cart, jogging along, up hill and down hill, to the capital!

At the tavern where I alighted, I ventured to order a little, only a very little breakfast—just a slice of bread and butter and two eggs. My landlord and a fat gentleman walked to and fro in the room and chatted. "I must say," said the fat gentleman, "this wholesale tradesman P., who died yesterday, was a rascal!"

Ha, ha," thought I, "but a rascal who had plenty of gold. Harkye friend, (to the waiter) can you bring me a slice of roast beef, or whatever meat you have, to make me more substantial fare here. A dish of soup would not be amiss; but quick, if you please!" "Yes," said my landlord, "it is heavy—thirty thousand dollars, and bankstock beside! No one in the town would have believed it—thirty thousand!" "Thirty thousand!" I inwardly ejaculated in my joyous soul. "Harkye, waiter! give me, as soon as you can, thirty thousand—no, no—a pint of wine, I mean;" and all my palaces were beating merrily to the tune of "thirty thousand!"

"Ah!" said the fat gentleman, "and would you believe that among his debts is one of five thousand dollars! There stand his creditors chewing their fists; for all his furniture is worth but a few pence, and outside his door they find for their comfort—his calash!"

"Aha, that's another thing!" said I to myself. "Here, waiter, take away the beef, the soup and the wine. I must not taste them; for what have I been doing all the morning but eating!" "You have ordered them," said the waiter. "Friend," said I, scratching out an apology just behind my ear, "it was an error; I ordered them for a rich gentleman, as I supposed, who is now as poor as myself, I find, and will never be able to pay for them; but you shall have the money for the eggs and bread and butter I have eaten, as well as something to drink for your trouble." So saying, and slipping a trifle more than the charge into his hand, I left the tavern, with a wounded heart and disappeased stomach, to seek for cheap lodgings, and to study means of raising money.

This violent collision between my hopes and the reality had given me a headache: but when I met, during my street wandering, a gentleman decked with bands and stars, but with a faded face and wrinkled brow, and saw a young nobleman whom I had known at the University of Upsal, walking as if the weight of age and "tedium vitæ" would bring him down upon his nose, I lifted up my head, took a deep inspiration of the air, (which, unfortunately for me, was just there strongly scented with sausages cooking,) and felt the happiness of poverty with a pure heart!

In a remote street I found a little chamber to let, which suited better my present condition than my hopes two hours before.

I had gained leave to spend the winter in Stockholm; "and now," thought I, "what is to be done!" To let my spirits sink was the worst way possible; to put my hand in my bosom, and look up to heaven was not much better. "The sun breaks out when we least expect him," said I, while the heavy autumnal clouds were sinking down over the town. I resolved to do my utmost to gain some more comfortable prospect for the future, than my stay with the country parson afforded me, and at last I fixed upon seeking employment as a copyist.

Then I spent many days in fruitless endeavors to find ears that were not deaf to my applications, and eyes, in the benumbering toil of copying out the empty productions of empty heads. My dinners became more and more economical; but my hopes continued to rise until an evening, from which, in my calendar, I date a new era with a crown. My landlord had just left me to my meditations, with the comfortable observation, as a text, that to-morrow I must pay down my quarter's rent, unless I would be (quite Parisian politeness) making another tour of discovery about the streets.

It was an indescribably cold November's evening, and I had just returned from visiting a family of sickness, where I had, as usual, prudently, emptied my purse, when I was greeted with this amiable salutation.

I trimmed my sleepy, dim-burning lamp with my fingers, and then looked about me in the dingy looking chamber for plans of making money.

"Dogwess was worse accomno fared," I sighed, as I pulled my lame table away from the window, for the wind and rain seemed unwilling to stay outside. At the same moment, my glance fell upon a cheerfully glowing fire, in an opposite kitchen. "Oh, cooks, you have a glorious lot among mortals!" thought I, while with some secret pleasure I watched the well-nourished dame, who stood like an empress amid the pots and stew-pans, surrounded with the glory of the fire, and swaying the tongs as a sceptre over her glowing dominions.

On a higher floor I had a view through the window, covered with no curious blind, of a gaily illumined chamber, where a numerous family were assembled round a tea-table. I was stiff in every limb with cold and damp, and how empty that part of my animal economy, which may be styled the magazine, was that evening, I will not say; but—"Merciful Heaven!" thought I, "if that pretty maiden, who is just now reaching a cup of tea to the stout gentleman upon the sofa, who seems too heavily replenished to rise from his seat, would but put out her fair hand a little farther this way, and could——with a thousand thankful kisses—how foolish! The fat gentleman takes the cup, and dips his bun in the tea so deliberately—'tis enough to make one cry! And now that pretty maiden is caressing him! I wonder if he is her papa or her uncle; or, perhaps, enviable morta!!—but no, that cannot be; he is, at least, forty years older than she!"

"That must be his wife surely; that elderly lady who sits beside him on the sofa, and to whom the fair maiden just now offers a platter of cakes. But to whom does she offer them now? One ear and a part of a shoulder is all that projects beyond the rim of a window. How long he keeps the gentle girl waiting his pleasure! but it must be a lady—no gentleman would behave so!—or it may be her brother. Ah! see his great fist thrust into the biscuit-basket, a rude lout! but, perhaps, he was hungry. Now she turns to the two little girls, her sisters, most likely, and gives them all that Mr. One-ear has left behind. As for herself, she seems to take no more of the tea than I can, except its fragrance. But what a movement suddenly takes place in the room! The old gentleman starts up from the sofa: the one eared gentleman rushes forward, and gives the gentle maiden a rude shock (a dromedary as he is!) that impels her against the tea-table, and makes the old lady, who was just rising from the sofa, sit down again. The children skip about and clap their hands; the door opens; in comes a young officer; the maiden throws herself into his arms! Aha! there I have it!" I dashed to my window-shutter, so that it cracked; and sat down, wet with the rain, and with trembling knees, upon my stool.

"What had I to do staring through the window! This comes of curiosity!"

Eight days before, this family had returned from the country into the fine house opposite, and all this time I had never inquired who they were. What business had I, this evening, to be prying into their circle! What good could it do me!

I was in a sorry mood, and felt something of heart-heaviness; but, according to my resolution never to yield to despondency, I set about a description of domestic happiness, of that happiness which I had never tasted! Said I, as I breathed upon my stiffened fingers, "Am I then the first who has sought in the hot-house of imagination a pleasing warmth which the hard world of realities denies us! Six dollars for a load of pine-wood; ay, you will not have them till December. I will write!"

"Happy, thrice happy is the family in whose close and warm circle no heart feels lonely in its joy nor in its sorrows; no glance, no smile remains unanswered; where the members daily say to each other, not in mere words, but in their actions, your cares, your joys, your fortunes, are also mine!"

"Beautiful is the quiet, peaceful house, which closes its protecting walls around the pilgrim through life, which collects around its friendly, gleaming hearth, the old grandsire, leaning upon his staff, the manly husband, the amiable wife, and their happy children, who close the day of spent and enjoyment with hearty thanksgiving, while the mother chants to them a little song, telling how,—

'Angels their night keep
Around the bed
And o'er the head
Of innocence asleep.'"

Here I had to stop, for something like a drop of rain fell upon my cheek, and I could not see my paper clearly.

"How many," thought I, as my thoughts, against my will, took a melancholy turn, "how many are doomed to know nothing of this happiness!" For a moment I considered myself in the only looking-glass I had in my chamber, that of *truth*, and then with gloomy feelings I wrote on,—"Unhappy surely is the desolate one, who, in the cold and dreary moments of life, (which come so often,) can rest on no faithful bosom, whose sighs are unanswered, to whose complaint no voice replies, 'I understand you; I sympathize with you!' He is depressed: no one raises his drooping head! He weeps: no one regards

children of my pastorate, and forget none but the funeral ceremonies.

At last, beyond midnight, I closed my eyes, and gave up my thoughts to the wild powers of dreamery. Then I preached with a bird voice in my church; while my congregation would persist in sleeping. After diverse aerials, my congregation came out of the church transformed into sheep and oxen, bleating and lowing at me when I reproved them. I tried to feed my wife away; but could not separate her from a great turnip-plant that grew, and grew, till it covered both our heads. Then I tried to climb up to heaven upon a ladder; but potatoes, grass, tares, and peas, entangled my feet, and hindered every step. At last I saw myself walking upon my head among my possessions: and so I wondered how this could be, I fell more soundly asleep. Yet I must have continued my pastoral dream; for in the morning I woke myself at the end of a long sermon, by saying "Amen!" I had some trouble to convince myself that the events of the preceding evening did not belong to my dreams, until Augustus made his appearance, and invited me to be with his family at noon.

The pastorate, Wilhelmina, the family into which I had entered, the new hopes of the future that now glittered in the sunshine of the present; all filled me with joy to be felt, not described!

From the depth of a thankful heart, I hailed the new life dawning upon me with a resolution, whatever might come, *to do the best, and hope for the best in every case!*

Two years after that happy dinner, I sat, one autumn evening, in my snug parsonage, beside the fire. Close to me sat my dear wife, my Wilhelmina, and span. I was about to read to her the sermon I had prepared for the next Sunday, and which I *hoped* would prove very edifying to my congregation. As I turned over the manuscript, a loose leaf fell out. It was the very paper upon which, just two years previous to that evening, I had written down my thoughts on domestic happiness, in a situation, apparently, so far away from everything of the kind. I showed it to my wife. She read it, and smiled through her tears; then, with an arch expression which is, I believe, peculiar to herself, she took up my pen and wrote on the *other* side of the leaf as follows:—

"The author can now, I hope, give a picture of his situation quite a contrast to that on the reverse. Now, he is no longer lonely, no more forsaken and desolate. His gentlest sigh is answered; his most intimate sorrows are shared with his wife. He goes; her heart follows him. He comes; she hastens to meet him with a smile. His tears are wiped away by her hand, and his smiles are reflected upon her face. She plucks flowers to strew his path. He has a flock dear to him, several deserving friends, and he counts as his relatives all who are destitute. He loves; he is beloved. He has the power to make men happy; he is happy."

Truly has my Wilhelmina painted my present situation; and, inspired with feelings cheerful and bright as sunbeams in spring, I send forth my hopes to delight themselves in the future.

I hope that my sermon for next Sunday will be useful to my people; and though some of the careless ones may be fast asleep, I hope that will not be allowed to disturb my temper. For my coming children, I have hopes prepared. If I have a son, I *hope* he may prove my successor; if a daughter, oh, I have *hopes* for her!

I hope, in the course of a little time, to find a publisher for my sermons.

I hope to live many years with my wife.

We, that is Wilhelmina and myself, hope during the time to dry many tears, and for ourselves, to shed as few as may fall to the lot of children of the earth such as we are.

We hope that neither of us will long survive the other.

Lastly, we hope, that we shall always be able to hope while here, and, when all the hopes of this green earth must vanish away before the light of eternal certainties, then we hope our Good Father will pronounce a mild judgment upon his humble and hopeful children.

A LONDON BREWERY.

The Boston Chronicle has a correspondent abroad, who, whatever he may like, *it* is evident does not like beer. In many of his letters are interesting and graphic passages. The following will give a better idea of the famous Whitbread Brewery than almost any other description which we have ever seen:

"It is a city in itself: a congregation of many dingy masses of confined architecture, a place of the utmost convenience for Deacon Giles's devils. There are steam engines," mills for grinding malt, mash tubs—little utensils holding only a few hundred barrels, in which they stir up the broth of stupidity—*coppers* to brew in, large enough to cook an elephant's soup, in which they might swim a dozen elephants whole, once heated by the fires underneath, but now by high steam, generated in a boiler of seven bullets, all of which are kept far more than boiling hot by the trifle of 4,000 tons of coal per annum. Here are fermenting vats, and huge and tubs. We were shown into one of the fermenting rooms, which was arranged to resemble a church.

It would hold 2,000 full grown Christian people, and I believe actually held ten times that number of evil spirits. The lofty galleries were filled with vats, in which the liquid was reeking and foaming with its filthy yeast, the first stage of its fermentation. The body of the house was full of tubs as big as a couple of hogsheads each, arranged along aisles, bounded up half way to catch the spume. So all this mighty congregation of hogsheads, with a broad lip stuck out from the top of each, were spewing over into these aisles. When this process arrives at a certain stage, the liquid is drawn off into a room below, and hunged up for use. In another room we were shown much larger vats, in which the process was commencing. They held from 500 to 1,000 barrels. Our party of some twenty souls, men, women and children, stood on the upper head of one of them, and looked down through a glass skylight into the fermented liquor below.

We passed into the cooperage, where the barrels and butts are made, of solid oak staves, nearly two inches thick. We saw the storehouses of malt and hops. They consume here from 4 to 500,000 bushels of malt in a year, and how many tons of hops I have forgotten. But of the latter, on account of constant variations of price, they keep an immense supply on hand. The vast store-house we examined with ranges of hop bales, fifteen or twenty feet high. The greatest wonder, however, was the building in which they store away their beer. To say nothing of its subterranean regions, in which there were long ranges of butts and barrels, and kegs, ready to be carted off to supply customers, and where there was an invisible beer cistern sunk in the ground, said to contain 4,000 barrels: above ground, there were in one room eight iron-hooped, top and bottom, puncheons or tubs, standing on end, into each of which you might have let down a Boston four story house, and headed it in, chimneys standing! The capacity of each was 2,000 barrels, more or less, and the whole would hold 16,000 barrels, all under one roof, enough to sell for $130,000.

We also saw the stables of the mighty and monstrous horses that pull the enormous loads of beer through the streets. *They* are fat, and yet do not drink beer. Each has his name painted on japan, like a lawyer's shingle over his manger. And the names of all the horses that are bought in the same year begin with the same letter of the alphabet, so that the time they have had a horse may be known from his name. One of these animals costs from $250 to $300, and will eat up in the course of the year, I should think, a pretty considerable fortune. He is very deliberate and elegant-like in his motions, taking up and setting down his broad clumsy feet, which, from the enormous shaggy hoffocks, look like so many great street brooms, only once in a while. But when he does move, other things have to. The proprietor, who showed us round, made a point to tell us that there were these horses even when oil and steam were in work, and did not part with them till they sell them as dead horses. What a pity that some of the people who drink their beer could not share the same comforts.

The proprietor told us that they brew 190,000 barrels per annum, the value of which is, at the lowest price, £2 sterling per barrel, or $1,514,200 in our money at the present rate of exchange. So much for the fourth brewery in London. The temperance report congratulates us with a slight decrease in the consumption of malt liquor throughout the kingdom, but almost none in London. How much of this decrease may be owing to temperance and how much to hunger, I don't know; but my heart does within me to look at those breweries. They are more melancholy than even the gospel and reeking tenements of some parts. They are the grave yards of the brain.

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* One cartman told me—speaking of the Whitbread horses—that he had driven one of them for seven years, and that he was the most docile and tractable animal he ever had to do with.

STUART CONSTABLE.—Mr. William Walter Scott, late of Van Diemen's Land, whither he was sent for participation in the Canada War, and Miss Nancy Eckert, of Albany, were united in matrimony, by Justice Wentworth, at the Police Office, there, on Friday morning of last week. They had become acquainted while on board the ship in which they sailed, about fifteen minutes before the ceremony was performed.

☞ The receipts at the Custom House for last week amounted to the enormous sum of nine hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, (975,000;) exceeding by one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (150,000) those of any previous week.

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OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

We find by the conversation of our mercantile and manufacturing friends, that the Fall business has already made a good commencement. Many strangers from distant points are already in the city, and handsome bills of goods have been disposed of. As the summerers at watering and bathing places turn their countenances homeward, they will take the great marts in their way, and conclude the campaign of pleasure with an appendix of business. It is noticeable that summers during which most travelling takes place, are usually followed by autumns of most activity in commerce. It is the hope of this ability and opportunity to invest funds, or employ credit successfully in the Fall, which encourages fathers and husbands to spend money liberally in the Summer; and it is not to be gainsayed, we believe, that many of our wandering citizens look to acquaintances made at the Capes and at the Springs, as prospective customers. Many an incipient bargain, we'll be bound, begun at these haunts of pleasure, is waiting its time to mature into extensive trade. Well, human nature, as was sagaciously observed by the venerable and sententious Thomas Stapleton, is—human nature.

But mere mercantile bargains are not the only ones commenced at the summer haunts —and apropos des belles, we notice that some crusty bachelor correspondent of the New York Commercial intimates hard things about some of the stereotype beauties who haunt the Springs. It would seem that they come forward with too much sedulousness, and too little caution, in the spirit of "advances made," and are too open in their invitation of "consignments solicited." Freedom from conventional restraint, is one of the charms of the summer pleasure residence, but it is gravely set forth that there may be too much freedom; and that the lady who, season after season, accepts the arms of successive sets of flutterers, may never be trembled with a request for her hand. We dare say this may accord with the experience of many a belle, the burden of whose plaintive song now is:

Why don't the men propose, mamma,
Why don't the men propose?

All which we submit to the ladies—while we read the cynics a short lecture. It is notorious, we believe, that those of the rude sex who most lament how carelessly the ladies lavish their attentions, are themselves seldom burthened with the task of repelling a lady's advances against their hands and hearts. Like Reynard in the fable, they are brought by lack of personal experience to pronounce the grapes sour. Some of them, however, are of another class. Terribly literal in their interpretations, they regard the commonest evidence of good breeding, and the simplest manifestation of natural politeness, as efforts made with malice prepense to entrap them, and regard ladies as having designs upon them, while those ladies are innocent, not merely of any intention, but also of any desire or thought to catch such admirers. Women are vain in their way. Men, too, are vain in theirs; and if a choice must be made, give us rather vanity in a charming woman than in a whiskered man. In the first case—

Whatever errors to her share may fall,
Look on her face—and you forgive them all.

In the latter you feel an almost irresistible inclination to break the peace. A coxcomb is certainly the animal in nature which most tempts a man of sense to take the same trouble that John Randolph of Roanoke professed himself willing to take in complement to a sheep.

Election returns come in—not as yet full—but still full enough to enable the reader to determine with sufficient exactness general results. Our local politics are yet somewhat in uncertainty. The wisest can yet hardly determine what will be the effect of the third party upon our local elections, or how much strength will be brought into the field by the "Native Americans," as a distinct organization.

The uncertainty of human purposes and expectations has been brought home to the public mind by the sudden and unexpected death of one of the candidates for the Gubernatorial chair, Hon. H. A. Muhlenberg. In another place the reader will find a notice of his life and character. In that connection decorum forbade any speculation upon the political changes and chances which the melancholy event involves; but here there is no impropriety in saying that the unusual exigency will undoubtedly be met by the nomination of Mr. Shunk; for whom many of the delegates voted in the convention by which Mr. Muhlenberg was nominated.

Our readers will find Mr. Herbert's Tale concluded in this day's paper; and with that conclusion our outside pages present also a goodly variety of interesting and useful reading. We are amply prepared to continue the generous rivalry which it is always our wish to keep up with competitors. Several tales of merit and interest are prepared to follow each other in regular succession, and by their illustrations of history, life and manners, to make the Post minister to the instruction of the mind and heart, while it amuses the head.

STEAMBOAT DISASTER.

A steamboat disaster occurred on Tuesday, on the Delaware River, nearly opposite Market street, by which two persons lost their lives, and others were badly scalded. The boat was the Portsmouth, Capt. Devoe, which had been recently brought round from New York, to run as an "opposition." It is stated that the boat is an old one; of this we cannot certainly speak, though the character of the accident shows the boiler to have been very defective.

The Portsmouth left Arch street wharf about 8 o'clock, having on board between forty and fifty passengers, for an excursion to Cape May and the Breakwater. The engine had not made more than a dozen revolutions, when a stay bolt on the inner side of one of the chimneys was forced out of its place, drawing with it a large piece of the boiler. Through this opening rushed a stream of water, which ascended up the pipe, and a considerable distance above the top of it—a large body of hot water and steam was forced upon the fire, and through the furnace entered the engine room, in which four men were standing, viz:—Isaac Ames, 1st Engineer, Edward Stevens, 2d Engineer, Gilbert Jackson, the colored cook, and Thos Massey, an elderly man, and a passenger. These persons were instantly covered with the steam and scalding which came from the furnace with an appalling rapidity.

Mr. Stevens and Mr. Massey, being nearest to the boiler, were scalded in every part of their bodies, their clothing having became saturated with the steam. The former in his agony rushed into the river, from which he was taken by some persons in a small boat. The others were much injured, but it is thought they will recover. They were all taken to the Hospital, where Mr. Stevens and Mr. Massey died during the afternoon. Several other persons were also slightly scalded.

The first indication of the affair, which was observed on deck, was the steam rushing upwards from the different passages. The passengers in great alarm retreated *en masse* to the aft part of the boat, and by this proceeding, avoided the fatal consequences, that otherwise would most probably have ensued. They remained in this situation until a ferry boat came alongside, and took them off, and then brought them back to the wharf.

An inquest was held at the Hospital, on the bodies of the deceased. The character of the chief engineer, was testified to as a careful, attentive and sober man; and the certificate required by the laws of the United States, was produced—that on the 17th of June, the boiler and engines were in good condition. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

All the sufferers except Mr. Massey, belong to New York. Mr. M. was an enterprising farmer of Delaware County, and had a large circle of friends in this city, as he formerly resided here, in business. He was sixty-four years old, and is highly spoken of by those who knew him. Mr. Stevens, the engineer who was killed, was forty-seven years old, an Englishman by birth, and has left a wife and family in New York.

DEATH OF MR. MUHLENBERG.

On Sunday last, a verbal report was circulated, to which the hopes of our citizens induced to give but partial credence. It was, that the Hon. H. A. Muhlenberg, the candidate of one of the great political parties, for the highest office in the State, had been attacked with apoplexy, and was no more.

Subsequent accounts, however, soon confirmed the rumor. The circumstances of his death were substantially as follows—the first rumor only anticipating the hour of his decease. On Saturday he passed the evening with a few friends, at his own mansion, in Reading, and after they left him, seated himself at his front door to enjoy, for a short time, the cool air of the evening, as was his usual custom. When found, at about 11 o'clock, he had fallen forward upon the steps, insensible; and although life lingered with him until 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the next day, (Sunday) when he expired, he uttered no word from the time of the attack.

Dr. Muhlenberg was born at Lancaster, Lancaster county, Pa., in 1782, and was, therefore, at the time of his decease, in his sixty-third year. He was born, as our readers are well advised, of a family whose name is closely connected with the provincial and revolutionary history of this country. One of his uncles was Gen. Peter Muhlenberg, distinguished both for his services as a soldier, and as a statesman, filling many civil offices by election and appointment. The second brother, Frederic Augustus Muhlenberg, was a member of the Continental Congress, and Speaker of the First Congress, under the new Constitution: and the third brother, Henry Ernestus Muhlenberg, was compelled to fly from his parochial duties, as a Lutheran Clergyman, in this city, by the arrival of the British, who had threatened him with a halter. The remainder of his life was spent in the pursuit of the natural sciences, and he was well known in Europe and America, as the author of valuable works upon the botany of Pennsylvania. In 1780 he moved to Lancaster, where he died in 1815, and where, as already stated, the late Hon. Henry A. Muhlenberg was born, in 1782.

Mr. Muhlenberg, like his grandfather, father, and uncles, was educated for the church, but in 1827, in consequence of feeble health, resigned his office in the ministry, with the intention to devote himself to agriculture. He had resided, since 1802, in Reading, Berks Co. But he was not permitted to remain in retirement, and at the earnest solicitation of his friends, consented, in 1828, to become a candidate to Congress. He was elected twice from the district of Berks, Schuylkill, and Lehigh, and afterward three times from Berks, when that county was erected into a separate Congressional District. He remained in Congress ten years, acting always with the party which elected him, and that not as a mere follower, but oftener among the leaders in the prominent measures of the democratic party. To go into the history of votes and movements upon questions, many of which are still open, would be to enter upon themes not fitted for our columns. Suffice it to say, that he commanded the respect of all parties, and his personal friendship was highly prized by men of all political creeds.

In 1837, upon the inauguration of Mr. Van Buren, as President, Mr. Muhlenberg was tendered the Embassy to Russia, and the Secretaryship of the Navy, both of which offices he declined. In 1838, he was appointed Minister to Austria—and in the Spring of that year, sailed upon his mission. He was the first Minister from this country to Vienna; and at that Court, his high character and talents, his urbane manners and address, and his thorough acquaintance with the German language and literature, made a most favorable impression of our young Republic upon the Austrian Government and nation.

On his return to his residence, in 1840, he was received with a burst of enthusiasm marking ardent personal friendship as much as political preference. There he resided until his death, in the enjoyment of a handsome fortune, the principal pleasure of which, to him, was in the ability it afforded for active and efficient benevolence and charity. His education was classical and thorough—and in German Literature, particularly, he has not left behind him his superior in this country. He wrote and spoke that language with great purity and ease, and his library, one of the finest in the country, is especially well stocked in the department of German Literature.

His mind was well balanced, without being remarkable for brilliancy; and his purposes, the result of conviction and prudence, were pursued with an unyielding and invariable perseverance. Whatever any party may have said or thought of the abstract character of his political opinions, his personal integrity and honesty were universally admitted. To the ardent friendship of many, the respect and general well wishes of all were united; and Mr. M. has gone down to the grave universally honored and lamented.

He has left two sons and a daughter, and a large circle of relatives to mourn his loss: and his immediate neighbors and acquaintances, some of whom have been his companions for over forty years, while others have grown to manhood in his esteem, mourning him as children, respecting him as youths, and loving him as men—will feel as if indeed they had lost a friend, and a brother.

His funeral took place in Reading, on Wednesday, in the burial ground of the German Lutheran Church. The attack of apoplexy of which he died, was the third of the same disease; and the death of his father took place from the same cause.

LOCKJAW.

We notice two or three recent cases of this terrible disease. One was in Boston, resulting from an injury comparatively slight, received in an angry scuffle. The other is that of Mr. Norman Fox, late clerk of Sampson & Co. of New York. On Tuesday week he struck his toe against the bottom of a floating bathhouse, in diving. The blow was severe, but after the pain passed away, he experienced no particular inconvenience from it. On the next Friday he felt some stiffness of the muscles about the neck and joints, and went home. The rigidity of the jaws, however, increased, in spite of all that could be done by the physician, and on Wednesday following he was pronounced incurable. He expired in convulsions on Thursday, a little over a week from the time of the accident. His reason and consciousness were retained to the last. From how many unsuspected concealments does the "inevitable archer," aim his blows!

We notice yet another case. A lad named Caspar Albert, who was run over by a railroad car in this city, about two weeks since, died on Saturday last, at the Hospital, lockjaw having followed his injuries. This is a disease which baffles all attempts, even at alleviation, and *de cure*, when once it is seated, is not to be hoped for.

OCEAN STEAMERS.

We observe that the plan of forming an American Ocean Steamship Company, to navigate between New York and Liverpool, has been revived in our sister city—and with a fair prospect of success. It should be kept distinctly in mind that an American, James Smith, Esq., was the original projector of the Atlantic Steam project, while he was in England, and his labors in that country were the cause of the establishment of the line to which the Great Western originally belonged.

Mr. Smith and his brother Henry, Mayor Harper, and others, are busily at work in endeavoring to bring the new project to bear. Mayor Harper is one of the chief directors. We hope that our neighbors will bring something to pass—and that speedily; and if they consult the best modern improvements, and true American interests, the ships will be built of Pennsylvania iron. If good haste is not made by our neighbors, we shall send the first American iron steamer to Liverpool, from this port, with Loper propellers. Then there will be the cities of Philadelphia and Boston, holding direct intercourse, by steam, with Europe, while the village of New York, lying somewhere between those two places, must apply to first one, and then the other, "for freight or passage."

Since the above was in type, we see the statement made, that the New York Company propose to construct a steam packet of 2,000 tons, for the New York and European trade, at a cost of $300,000.

SWORD FISH.

The Boston Mercantile Journal states that large quantities of sword fish are annually taken on our coast, and disposed of as an article of food. One firm in Boston last year packed four hundred barrels. The Journal says also that one of these fish "was exhibited in Boston market a few days since, for sale, and was eagerly bought up—and pronounced by those who are good judges of good things, to be truly excellent."

Under favor we would inquire of our friend of the Journal if those same "*good judges*" are not men who have *good cooks* in their kitchens? There is no disputing the wonders that may be wrought by the culinary art. A good porridge may be made of a chip, with proper condiments, aids and appliances—but as to setting up the sword fish as *per se* as fit to eat, why—that will do to tell the marines. *We*, Capt. Sleeper, that is, son and *I* being old sailors, and judges of stowage, can depose that a little sword fish may make tolerable dunnage, to fill up the chinks in a cargo of belly timber—that is if one is right hungry. Farther we say not—except that were a good round shouldered cod, or a Kennebec salmon, or even a number one mackerel, on the same table with the *choicest* bit of a dry, coarse grained, yellow white meat sword fish—under such circumstances, we *dare* say, that we rather guess, the editor of the Mercantile Journal would leave the sword fish to the "good judges," and satisfy his own paternal propensities upon other dishes.

A GREAT SUIT.

A case has just been decided in the U. S. District Court of New Orleans, which involved a large amount of property, and which in its decision restores long delayed justice. It appears that about thirty years ago, Claude Girod, dying in Louisiana, left his property to the administration of his two brothers. By skilful finesse, one brother, N. Girod, in a little while came into possession of the whole, leaving the real heirs minus. The owners, however, supposing that N. Girod would at least have the conscience to let the property revert to them at his death, allowed him to retain peaceable possession.

After his death, however, the heirs discovered that instead of the property descending to them, it was almost entirely absorbed by the different legacies which were bequeathed to the friends of the testator. They then immediately instituted suit for the recovery of the whole, as the property of Claude Girod. There were no less than twelve counsellors to represent the defendant, all of whom occupy a most prominent position in their profession; while the plaintiffs were only represented by two—Messrs. Janin and Benjamin. Judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiffs for the whole amount claimed; together with the fruits of the property, as well as the interest of all monies received.

"CAPTAIN KIDD'S SHIP."

Our readers have been advised that a company of persons in New York, have commenced operations, supposing that they have discovered the whereabouts of the sinking of Capt. Kidd's ship, one hundred and forty years ago, with gold and silver, and much jewellery. So far, the operations with diving bells, have brought up a gun or so, and some pieces of wood—but a dash of water colder than that of the Hudson, has been thrown on the golden hopes of the divers. It is said of the wreck of the vessel found, that persons may be living, at this day, who saw it born sixty-seven years ago, and who could now point out the spot where it sank. It is probably the remains of one of the two American frigates destroyed on the night of the 6th of October, 1777, when Fort Montgomery was taken by the British, under the command of Gen. Sir Henry Clinton. An account of the loss of these vessels is written on the 9th of October, 1777, says: "We were under the disagreeable necessity of destroying Fort Constitution, after removing part of the stores, and of burning the Frigates Congress and Montgomery, to prevent their falling into the enemy's hands, the wind and tide being unfavorable to their moving farther up the river."

A METAMORPHOSE.

The Postmaster of New York has obtained a lease of the Middle Dutch Church, in Nassau street, between Liberty and Cedar, to be occupied as a Post Office, in lieu of the building in the Park. The church has been occupied as such for more than a hundred years, as it was opened in 1729. It is a commodious building, and should never have been changed from its original purpose. The rent paid is five thousand dollars per annum.

On Sunday evening the last religious ceremonies took place. Dr. Knox preached the sermon, and Dr. De Witt gave the benediction in English and Dutch, in the same words that it was given when the church was opened, in 1729, the period when it was built. The preacher remarked that there were but two families worshipping there who belonged to the old stock, that lived below Beekman street, all others had moved up town. It is to us painful to see all the old landmarks and all associations thus ruthlessly swept away by the spirit of change; and we do think that the "old stock" might have retained respect enough for their ancestors to have continued to visit the vicinity where they dwelt, once a week, even if the children have "moved up town."

"SPUNKY."

The Postmaster General by repented acts, has induced Pomeroy & Co., to suspend their letter expresses in Western New York. But the citizens of Lockport do not like this. They have resolved, in meeting, to request the Railroads not to submit to Mr. W.'s orders against conveying Pomeroy's Agents, and have furthermore resolved, to send all the letters they can by private expresses. They desire their correspondents to do the same thing, and they resolve that they "will eat, while these abuses continue, take letters from the mail sent to them from any of the points marked by the expresses, except in cases where they have good reason to think they will suffer materially in their interests by the omission." That person will take a great many letters out of the mail.

NEW PAPER.

We have seen the first number of a new daily paper, just commenced in Cincinnati, by Geo. O. Bartlett & Co., and edited by J. V. Lousia, Esq. Mr. Bartlett was recently a resident of this city, and a correspondent of several of the leading newspapers and magazines. He knows what a newspaper should be, and will make the "Morning Bulletin" such a periodical.

ELECTIONS.

NORTH CAROLINA.—We have not yet complete returns from all the counties of this State—but those which remain to be heard from, some five or six, will swell the Whig majority. As the case now stands, the Whigs have a majority of forty to thirty-one on joint ballot in the Legislature—four in the Senate, and the rest in the House. The Democratic candidate for Governor has gained from five to six hundred votes; but the Whig candidate has a majority of probably over three thousand.

KENTUCKY.—The election continued three days. The Whig Governor is elected by a majority of from eight to twelve thousand, and the Whig preponderance in the Legislature is maintained, if not increased.

INDIANA.—As near as we can judge from conflicting accounts, the Democrats will have a majority of from two to four in the Senate, and the Whigs a majority in the House.

ILLINOIS.—only one county heard from—and this, the strongest Democratic county in the State. It gives Mr. Wentworth, for Congress, a large majority.

ALABAMA.—Mr. Yancy, (Dem.) is elected by between two and three hundred majority to fill the place of Hon. D. H. Lewis.

ANOTHER OLD DRUMMER.

We spoke, last week, of Rufus Kingsley, of Hartford, Susquehanna county, Pa., as the sole surviving Bunker Hill drummer. But it appears that the old gentleman is not yet "alone in his glory." A correspondent of the New York True Sun gives an account of another—Mr. Daniel Jones, aged 91 years, who resides on a farm belonging to his son, in Morris Co., just below Stanhope, New Jersey. He was a drummer in the American army at that battle, and was wounded in the calf of the right leg during the conflict. He has been blind for 18 years, but continues to enjoy, as does his wife also, who is aged 70 years, the best health. The revolutionary veteran was a resident of Jersey City nearly twenty years before the steamboats commenced running—has been twice burnt out of house and home, and the roof of his dwelling burned over his head about six months ago. He is, however, still hale and hearty.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

The mine of Milne & Spencer, at Pottsville, was the scene of a terrible accident, on Friday night week. Three men, Henry Fox, Jonathan Nixon, and John Ricket, were buried three hundred feet below the surface. A body of water from an old mine rushed in, buried the three men in coal and earth, and instantly filled the mine. The accident is described by the Pottsville Journal as having been sudden and startling; the man at the engine, heard a rumbling, rushing noise; the engine stopped, and the buildings trembled as if convulsed by an earthquake—and in a minute all was quiet again. He attempted to descend into the mines, and found in them about three hundred feet of water. It will be at least two months before the water can be pumped out, and the rubbish removed. The three unfortunate men have all left families.

PENSIONS.

With many other papers, we were led into the partial statement, that a bill passed the last Congress continuing the pensions of certain widows. Such a bill did pass—but no appropriation was made in conformity with its provisions—until that is done, the bill is a nullity. The following is a copy of a circular from the pension office. It is much to be lamented that such an oversight occurred.

SIR—It is proper that widows who are entitled to the benefits of the Act of June 17th, 1844, continuing certain pensions for four years longer should be informed that Congress has made no appropriation for paying those pensions, and that, therefore, no payment can be expected before the latter end of December next.

ANOTHER WARNING.

The Coroner of New York, held an inquest last week, on the body of Andrew, aged 13 months, infant son of Mrs. Eliza Porter, whose mother, to keep it quiet, gave it, in the morning, an over dose of paregoric, through ignorance of its strength, from the effects of which it died in the afternoon. It is not sufficiently remembered that preparations, of which opium is a part, gain strength by the evaporation of the liquid, while the deadly base retains its properties. The dose of paregoric, freshly mixed, which may be delivered with impunity, would, if stale, be dangerous, if not deadly.

VINEGAR.

In publishing a "Thrilling Incident," a week or two since, in which vinegar was made the means of arresting the effect of an overdose of laudanum, we fell into an error, of which we are admonished from various quarters. Vinegar, instead of a remedial, would, it is said, prove a highly dangerous, if not fatal agent after opium. It is even stated, that when a Turk intends to commit suicide, and desires that the opium, to which his habits have accustomed him, should operate as a poison, he drinks a cup of vinegar, and this never fails of its intended purpose.

A CITY DESTROYED.

San Carlos, a port in the Island of Cuba, frequented by American whalers for the purpose of refitting, &c., has been the scene of a terrible conflagration. The fire broke out in its very centre, and before it could be subdued, destroyed two-thirds of the place. One hundred and fifty houses, comprising all the magazines of provisions, fell a prey to the flames. The unfortunate inhabitants, equally destitute of food and shelter, were compelled to abandon the ruins, and fly to the interior, to seek a refuge and means of subsistence.

COMING ELECTIONS.

In another part of to-day's paper will be found accounts, as far as received, of past elections. The following are the dates of the State elections which are yet to take place: Vermont, September the 3d; Maine, September the 9th. Seven States vote in October, namely: Maryland, October 2d, Georgia and Arkansas, October 7th; New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, October 8th, and South Carolina, October 14th. The Mississippi State election takes place on the 4th of November, and Delaware on the 12th.

MEXICO.

Intelligence from Mexico has been received to July 14th. An army of 15,000 men was in preparation to march against Texas, and was expected to reach Matamoras in November. The Congress had not fixed upon a plan for raising the four millions of dollars required for the war, but no doubt was entertained that the money would be obtained somehow. Great rejoicings took place on account of the rejection of the Texas Treaty by the Senate of the United States.

THE DELAWARE DIVISION.

This branch of our State Works, as the reader is aware, is to be sold, if at all, for twenty-five millions, and twenty millions of it must be taken, to make sale valid, in twenty business days, from the time that the books were opened. A fortnight has nearly passed—less than fifty shares at $100 each, are sold, and the prospect looks very slight, indeed, for the sale of the works according to the terms of the act.

AUTHENTIC NEWS.

The Boston Daily Advertiser translates a curious item of intelligence, from the *Echo de Orient*, a Smyrna paper of the 27th of April. Under the head of "United States" that paper says: "The Presidential Election is decided. Mr. Van Buren has carried it. He received 91 votes, Mr. Johnson, 56, and Mr. Cass, 1. Col. Johnson has been raised to the Vice Presidency."

NEW JERSEY.

The election for the adoption or rejection of the new Constitution, took place last Tuesday. We have few returns; and these seem to indicate a large majority of a small vote, in favor of the instrument.

NEW ORLEANS.

The yellow fever has made its appearance in New Orleans, but the two cases which have occurred and proved fatal are said to have originated at Vera Cruz.

CORRECTION.

In our last appeared a statement, that a decision had been made by which the Naturalization papers taken out in the New York Marine Court, are invalidated. It appears, however, that such is not the case. Though the Marine Court is not in all cases a "Court of Record," still it is such a Court for many purposes, and among them, for that of Naturalization.

HATS ON!

In our last, we stated that Mr. Barnett, the new Collector of New Orleans, had got into difficulty by insisting that all who did business in the Custom House, should do it with hats off. By later advices, we learn that he has now rescinded the order, and that those who choose may transact business with hats on. The country, we presume, is safe now.

UNJUST.

Married men are taxed in Jersey $1,25—unmarried men $1,95. This is exceedingly unjust. The single monsters should be taxed $2,20—the married men not at all. They are fulfilling their destinies—and it is unjust to ask them to fill the public coffers, too. Bachelors should pay all the taxes, everywhere.

THE FIRST SHIPMENT.

One hundred bales of North River hay, have been purchased in New York, for shipment to Great Britain. This, says the Shipping List, is, we believe, the first shipment of hay ever made to Great Britain from this country. To France, parcels have been sent occasionally for a year or two past.

CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Central Committee have called a Convention for the 2d of September, to make a nomination for Governor, in place of Hon. Henry A. Muhlenberg, deceased.

FROM OUR OWN Correspondent.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST.

Bristol, England, July 18, 1844.

There has been a very curious trial here, in which one of the defendants is tolerably known in the United States. The affair came off last week, and occupied the Court of Queen's Bench for two days. It appears that Lord Ashburton, Mr. F. Baring and Mr. Mildmay, all of them members of the great house of Baring & Co., were charged with a conspiracy to ruin the credit and injure the property of Mr. Kinder, by procuring an act of the Legislature of Mexico, to nullify a contract in which the said Mr. Kinder was engaged. In 1825, it was stated that Mr. Francis Baring, then travelling in Mexico, agreed, in conjunction with the representatives of Mr. Kinder's house, in Mexico, to take a large tract of land, (800,000,000 acres,) extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. Subsequently, the houses of Messrs. Baring & Co. and Kinder & Co., were dissatisfied with the purchase, and desired to annul the contract—and Lord Ashburton recommended that the Mexican Legislature be applied to—to procure a nullification of the contract. Money, it is said, was paid to certain *patriotic* Mexican Legislators, and the contract annulled, accordingly. But before the whole difficulty was settled, Mr. Kinder changed his mind, and wished to keep the land, and therefore brought an action against the Messrs. Baring & Co., for having finally given it up without his consent. The jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty" against the defendants.

The Government is attempting to pass a bill through Parliament, for the purpose of regulating railways, and charges on railways. One feature of the Bill is, that the stockholders shall not divide more than 10 per cent. per annum—and if the profits yield more, the fares are to be reduced. The bill is much opposed. A new comet has been discovered in the constellation Hercules. It has been seen both from Paris and London—but is not visible to the naked eye. It appeared to be travelling towards the sun; and it is thought that little or nothing more will be seen of the celestial stranger.

The Bank of England possesses the enormous amount of £10,000,000 in bullion! To my last I said something about the prevailing fashions, and have since had an opportunity of extracting the following from a letter: "The mourning (in Paris) for the Duke d'Aiguillonne, and the departures for the country, leave little to say in the way of fashionable novelty; indeed it may be said at present, that all styles prevail, and that no one bears unrivalled away. Thus, in the same salon, or on the same promenade, one sees sleeves *a la reformee*, a la Louis XIII, a la Amadis, a la Tarare, a la Chimone, a la Savigne, a la Pontagne. In some the arm is tightly imprisoned, in others, it is at liberty, while in others again, it is round-ness and bareness to within a hand's breadth of the shoulder." I observe, also, that gentlemen's coats are made with very large sleeves, skirts and lappets. Waistcoats of Scotch plaid are all the rage in Paris.

Apropos of France. There have, of late, been some shocking scenes. A morbid sentiment in the observance of crime and criminals, seems to prevail there—thanks, probably, to Eugene Sue, and other kindred writers. For example, at Vesgre, a man has been tried for poisoning his wife, for the purpose of marrying another, which other had poisoned her husband. A Madam Lacoste is also accused of poisoning her husband. F. Rousselet and Dumon Cadot, have been tried for the murder of the father of the latter, a banker at Pontoise. The son was acquitted, but Rousselet was found guilty, and sentenced to twenty years imprisonment, with hard labor. The Courts, during all the above trials, were crowded with ladies, some of whom took their sewing and embroidery with them; and gentlemen, during any cessation of business, supplied them with refreshments! It is truly a horrible taste, for ladies of rank to seek for excitement in crime, criminals and horrors. At Rouen, Pierre Lescure was accused of murdering both his father and his uncle. He was convicted of the latter murder; but—owing to the clumsiness on the part of the executioners, the axe of the guillotine was raised and fell several times, before the head was severed from the body, and nearly twenty minutes were consumed in putting the wretched sinner to death. I must not leave the prisons, without informing you that there are no fewer than twenty-seven editors of public journals in the French gaols! Of 33 millions of persons in France, the *Reforme* gives the following statistics.

27,000,000 drink no wine.
31,000,000 cannot use sugar.
20,000,000 wear no shoes.
31,000,000 eat no meat.
18,000,000 eat no wheat bread.
4,000,000 are clothed in rags.

I cannot help thinking that the above estimate is far too gloomy, especially when I observe from official documents, that the foreign trade of France, in 1843, was as follows:

Imports	£49,416,000
Exports	41,333,000

Louis Philippe has done a very foolish thing, considering his personal wealth. He has presented a suit of Beggar's petition to the Chambers, for national recourse to his younger children. The proposition meets with decided and violent opposition. Napoleon thousand French emigrated to Algiers, in 1843. There have been ninety five persons convicted of the loathsome crime of parricide in France, within the last ten years. A Mademoiselle Bounier, in Algiers, recently defended herself

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Notices of New Works.

A NEW GREEK GRAMMAR. *By Charles Anthon, L. L. D., Prof. &c in Columbia College, N. Y. New York: Harper & Brothers. Philadelphia: Barford.*—Nothing pleases us better than when we meet those of "shining morning face," beaming in their hands or their satchels, Anthon's school books. The manner in which each series is prepared, by progressive and well arranged exercises, leading the pupil onward, has done wonders in the way of "Amelioration of the Condition of American School Boys." There is no pretence on the part of the author to the discovery of any new royal road, by which learning may be obtained without effort, but the books are so arranged, that almost every item of knowledge becomes available to further progress, almost as soon as it is acquired. The young student finds the lions on his path, completely disarmed before he reaches them; and what he feared might prove almost impossible of acquisition, is, on a nearer approach, but pleasantly attained, by patient study. Previously to the taking up of this "New Grammar," the beginner will of course use the first and second "Lessons," by the same author. From those, he gets a good general idea of the structure of the language. This work will give him the history, the explanation of its apparent anomalies, the regularity of its irregularities—its connexion with cognate tongues; and, in a word, the substance of what the patient study of the best and most skilful grammarians, has been able to effect for the better understanding of the language. It is a volume of some five hundred pages—and truly a most valuable book.

KNOWLEN'S ELOCUTIONIST, *a First Class Historical Reader, and Rostostan Book. By James Sheridan Knowles. Enlarged, and adapted to the purposes of Instruction in the United States. By Epes Sargent New York Saxton & Miles. Philadelphia: J. M. Campbell.*—This work, starting with the obvious maxim that "the essential rules of elocution are few and simple," lays down those rules, intelligibly stated, and so arranged as to be practical with or without an instructor. No man or boy, of ordinary sense, can fail to be improved, if there be need of his improvement) in his manner of reading, by a careful attention to this treatise. The selections for the exercise of the student in reading and recitation are made with good judgment; and the taste of the American editor, himself an accomplished scholar, and graceful speaker, is shown in the additions from American and foreign literature, which he has made to the book. In a new words, it is a work which we can honestly and earnestly recommend.

ELEMENTS OF GEOMETRY. *On the Bases of Dr. Bonnycastle's Legendre. To which is added a Book on Proportion. By James E. Thompson, A. M. Philadelphia: Smith & Peck.*—Mr. Thompson has also edited an edition of Day's Algebra—which, at the time of its publication, was received with high favor by the public, and has already passed its thirty-second edition-book. The work under notice, is intended to supply a want which has long been felt—viz: "an elementary treatise accurate and rigorous in its demonstrations, and yet not above the comprehension of pupils in Schools and Academies." The success of Mr. Thompson's edition of Day's Algebra, inclines the public in favor of the present work; and so far as a cursory examination enables us to judge, we think he has succeeded in the present, even better than in the former undertaking. Teachers and School Directors are bound in duty, to examine for themselves.

LIFE OF ANDREW JACKSON. *By Amos Kendall. New York: Harpers' Philadelphia: Zieber & Co. and Robinson & Peterson.*—Part V of the somewhat tardy work has reached us. It contains two illustrations—one a view of Jackson's fortifications on the Mississippi, and the other an illustration of that scene in the Hero's life when he stilled a soldier's murmurs by offering to share the scorns, upon which the general was feasting, with the man. We hope that the ten following numbers will be pushed on with more expedition.

LIVES OF CELEBRATED AMERICAN INDIANS. *Zieber & Co.*—This is another of Peter Parley's excellent books: and a desideratum of what all American children should know something about,—the famous men among the Indians who inhabited this continent before the white men came. It gives brief lives of the most celebrated upon both continents, and we are sure our little readers have not, for many a day, seen a little book better suited than this—and more than it forms one volume of Parley's Cabinet Library.

ARRAH NEIL, OR THE TIMES OF OLD.—A new novel by the indefatigable James! Verily, the man writes books faster than any except those whose leisure is short (and, indeed, can read them), and in all his books, though there are unmistakable marks of the same man, there is also an ever increasing interest to the romance reader. Perhaps these is no novelist of them all, who may more safely keep the public ear, than James. *Zieber & Co. and Robinson & Peterson* have the work.

PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. *By John Frost, L. L. D. Philadelphia: Benjamin Walker.*—Nos. 17 and 18 of this work are just published. They are regarded as more than complete the work. It will reflect more than any other publication in interesting the youth of our country, in its history, and in this respect, the author has, in this, as in others of his works, a strong claim on the gratitude of his countrymen. The numbers may be had of *Robinson & Peterson.*

NEW WORK ON THE ARCHBISHOPS.—The New York Commercial Advertiser announces a new work from the pen of Henry B. Schoolcraft, Esq., as being nearly ready for publication. It will treat of Indian traditions, superstitions, portable writing, music, poetry, &c —in short, of Aboriginal literature generally, and also of Indian antiquities, habits, characteristics, &c. It will be looked for with interest.

MCCULLOCH'S GAZETTEER.—No 15 of this valuable work has been published, leaving but five more numbers to complete the work. It should form a part of the household library of every man who can afford its price —being unequalled for convenience, fullness, and excellence among works of its class. *Robinson & Peterson, and Zieber & Co.* have it.

ANACREON MOORE.—After a delay which had begun to make us feel impatient, we find the publication of the Mirror Library resumed with "The Odes of Anacreon," "Rhymes on the Road," and "Alciphron," by Thomas Moore. The library may be had, in separate numbers or entire, of *Zieber & Co., and at Robinson & Peterson.*

HEWITT'S SHAKSPEARE. *Part 10. Philadelphia: Robinson & Peterson, and Zieber & Co.*—This number completes Romeo and Juliet, and the next will commence King Lear. In the present number are some beautiful engravings, as, indeed, there are in all. It will be a truly splendid work when completed.

THE SPIRIT. *New York: Harpers'.*—Part III. of this curious affair has been received by *Zieber & Co.* and by *Robinson & Peterson.* It increases in interest, and whoever reads it will obtain a singular jumble of miscellaneous knowledge and curious facts.

AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY.—A life of Gen. Marion is shortly to appear, from the pen of W. G. Simmes, Esq. The only accessible biography of this daring soldier at present extant, in WEEMS's—more romantic, we suspect, than authentic.

THE WANDERING JEW. Herbert's translation, Part III., has been received by *Zieber & Co., and Robinson & Peterson.*

☞ Colon has sent us Part I. of "The Wandering Jew." Harpers' edition.

Army & Navy.

☞ The U. States frigate Potomac, Captain Newell, bearing the broad pennant of Commodore David Conner, of the Home Squadron, arrived at this port on Saturday. The Potomac was last from Havana, which port she left on the 28th of July. Officers and crew all well.

☞ The United States revenue schr. Crawford, R. Day, commander, from Savannah, arrived at St. Augustine, on the 30th ult., with Gen. Worth and Captain Sprague, U. S. Army, as passengers.

☞ The U. States ship Preble, now lying at New York, is about to sail for the Coast of Africa.

☞ Lieut. Fremont, of the U. S. Surveying Expedition to the Columbia River, with his party, reached Westport on the 28th ult., and were expected to arrive in St. Louis on the 24 inst. They have endured great hardships in this expedition.

☞ General Scott arrived at Milwaukie *en route* for the frontier posts, on the 28th ult., accompanied by Captain Stephen Champlain, of Buffalo, and Lieutenants Williams, Scott, and Murphy.

☞ The United States Government have commenced operations for constructing a fort upon the Penobscot river, opposite Buckport.

☞ Lieut. Symmes, in the U. S. steamer Poinsett, is now surveying the harbor of Apalachicola and the coast in the vicinity.

☞ Commander Chas. H. Bell, has been ordered to the U. S. ship of war Yorktown, to cruize in the Mediterranean station.

☞ The U. S. brig Somers sailed from Key West on the 26th ult., on a cruise. Officers and crew all well.

Notes of the Weather, &c.

☞ The Norfolk papers state that a very long-continued drought in Charlotte, Halifax, Prince Edward, Cumberland, and the adjoining counties, has done much injury to the tobacco and corn crops in that region of country. No rain had fallen for four months. The fate of the tobacco crop is very precarious, and the corn crop will, it is thought, be curtailed one half, if not more.

☞ Buffalo was visited with a very heavy fall of rain, on Tuesday afternoon the 6th. It was a perfect avalanche of water, and lasted something like an hour and a half. At the various places where excavations were going on, the unpreventable element dreamed mastery, and carried all before it. Cellars were filled, and newly built walls materially injured by submersion.

☞ The Lexington (Mo.) Gazette, states that on the 6th ult., a terrible storm passed over Johnson, Van Buren and Jackson counties. In Johnston county, Mr. Isaac Cox, wife and four children, were swept away with their house during the night and drowned. The next day the bodies were found.

☞ We understand, says the Camden (S. C.) Journal, that the crops of corn in many parts of this and the adjoining districts, as well as the neighboring counties in North Carolina, are suffering much from drought. In some sections, not more than half crops are expected.

☞ In the storm on Wednesday, July 25th, the wife of James Cooper, of Bunker Hill, Illinois, was instantly killed by lightning. Mrs. Cooper was at the time sick in bed in the house. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were formerly from New York.

☞ The St. Augustine News, learns that very good crops of corn will be gathered in East Florida, notwithstanding the extensive drought which has prevailed. The cotton crops are also in a very flourishing condition at this time.

☞ The Western Expositor, of the 20th ult., published at Independence, Mo., says "A considerable shock of an earthquake was felt in our town, yesterday. It commenced at ten minutes past four, and lasted several seconds."

☞ We learn from the Upper Marlboro' Gazette, that by the storm of the 2nd inst., several of the Planters of Prince George's county, had their tobacco crops so much cut by hail as to render them valueless.

☞ The Plantations in the vicinity of Edgefield, (S. C.) have suffered a great deal from intense heat and want of rain. The Corn crop has almost altogether been destroyed.

☞ A letter from Edisto Island, published in the Charleston Patriot, gives a sorry account of the fate of the cotton crop in that vicinity.

Notices of the Dead.

DEATH OF A PATRIOT.—Died in Deerfield, N. H., on the 16th ultimo, Captain James Whidden, aged 83. He was a native, and for many years a resident of Greenland, N. H. In the time that tried men's souls" he marched as a volunteer in Capt. Clark's company. He fought in the Battle of Saratoga at the capture of Burgoyne. He was a sensible, noble-hearted, generous man. As examples of his friendship and liberality to the poor, and his minister, at the time of the great fire at Portsmouth, the town of his adoption, and for his farm in Greenland, to Portsmouth. Killed in and distributed it to the needy sufferers. When Rev. Mr. Neal was ordained at Greenland, he presented him with one of the best cows of his dairy. He made a like present also to his successor, the Rev. Mr. Abbot, when he was ordained.

ANOTHER MISSIONARY FALLEN.—The Christian Watchman says:—The painful intelligence of the death of the Rev. Grover S. Comstock, a missionary of the American Baptist Board at Kamree, Arracan, has reached the Missionary Rooms by the last steamer. He died of the Asiatic Cholera, at Akyab, on the 25th April. He has thus quietly followed his excellent and lamented wife to receive his final reward.

☞ Rev. George D. Summers, blind from his birth, and a local preacher of the Methodist Church in Baltimore, died on the 16th ult. at the residence of his father, in Montgomery county, Md. This announcement will be received with pain by a large class of our citizens; and it may well be said—"Truly a good man has fallen in Israel."

DEATH OF SENATOR BROOKE.—Nathaniel Brooke, Esq., late a member of the State Senate from Chester county, died at his residence in Vincent, aged 58 years, of a protracted illness. Mr. B. was a man of many amiable qualities, of great firmness, and highly respected both as a citizen and public officer.

☞ Died, at East Hartford, Conn., on the 6th inst., Dr. Timothy Hall, aged 87. His death was occasioned by being thrown from a wagon. Dr. H. was a Surgeon in the Revolutionary army and was an eye witness to the execution of Major Andre. He was beloved and esteemed by all who knew him.

☞ We notice the death of John G. Coster, Esq., in New York. He came to this country more than fifty years since, and accumulated a large fortune in business. He was one of the most active citizens of the commercial emporium. He was eighty-two years of age.

☞ Mr. John Davis, the Coroner of New Orleans, died on the 3d inst., after a severe illness of but two days duration. He was in his 28th year.

Religious Intelligence.

INDIA.—By late intelligence, the native population of Southern India, seems rapidly advancing to a point where the renunciation of the foolish, degrading, and unsatisfying rites of idolatory will be very frequent. Under date of March 14, 1844, the Bishop of Madras says that ninety-six villages in the province of Tinnevelly, have recently come forward, unsolicited, and utterly abolished their idols, requesting to be taken under Christian instruction. One of the English Missionaries, at an earlier date, says, that he had, within the two preceding months, received seven hundred natives under his care.

☞ A new Baptist Church has been built at Mount Holly, New Jersey, and was dedicated on Thursday. Rev. Thomas G. Lincoln, formerly of the Spruce Street Baptist Church, of this city, is the Pastor. A new Episcopal Church is about to be built in the same village, the plans being drawn by Mr. Carver, of this city.

☞ The Rev. C. C. Williams has resigned the pastoral charge of the Bleckley Baptist Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, a beautiful Gothic edifice, was opened on Sunday, at Stockbridge, Mass.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN LONDON.—A recent London Magazine, gives the following as the amount of contributions for the last year, in some of the principal Missionary Boards of that city:

Methodist	£101,108
Established Church	99,871
Congregationalists	80,551
Baptist Missions	22,727
Moravian	11,117
Total	£307,207
Equal to	$1,365,316

THE SABBATH.—An aged clergymen, in Baltimore, states, "that during the long time he was Chaplain to the Maryland Penitentiary he took great pains to ascertain from the convicts, what was the commencement of their downward career; and that the testimony of about ninety-nine out of a hundred, was, that their career of wickedness commenced with *Sabbath breaking.*

☞ Among the appropriations lately voted in the British House of Commons, were £2,000 for the Bishop of Nova Scotia, £1,000 for the Bishop of Montreal, £500 for the Arch Deacon, and £400 for the Rector of Quebec, £1,000 for the Catholic Bishop of Montreal, and various other appropriations, amounting to £11,754 in Canada and the other North American possessions.

☞ The Lagrange (Ga.) Herald says, that an extensive revival of religion has been progressing in that village for several days. The Baptist minister, Mr. Dawson, the Presbyterian, Mr. Cunningham, and the Methodist, Mr. Wiggins, with others, were all united in the work.

☞ The receipts in this country, during July, in aid of the Free Church of Scotland, amounted to $2,605 04. Amount previously received, $40,230 75. Total, $42,835 79.

☞ The Rev. Mr. Andrews, late of the Broadway Tabernacle, N. Y., has accepted a call to take the pastoral charge of the Second Street Presbyterian Church, in Troy.

☞ The corner-stone of a new Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Gough and Market streets, Baltimore, was laid, on Tuesday afternoon.

☞ The receipts, in June and July, of the Philadelphia Home Missionary Society, amounted to $1,340 24.

☞ The receipts, in July, of the Presbyterian (Old School) Board of Missions, amounted to $1,217 86.

☞ The Virginia Synod of the Presbyterian Church, will meet at Norfolk, on the 16th of October next.

Personal News.

☞ Colonel Broadhead, the historical agent of the State of New York, arrived at New York City, on Monday, in the Queen of the West, from Liverpool. He has brought with him a large number of manuscripts copied from English archives, and another large parcel of French documents is on board a Havre packet, daily expected.

☞ The New Bedford Mercury states that the report that the Hon. Joseph Grinnell, of that place, declines the re-election to Congress, is entirely unauthorised: and that he will be governed, in that respect, by the wishes and interests of his political friends.

☞ Hon. Henry D. Foster, of Westmoreland, was unanimously re-nominated for Congress, on the 6th inst., by the Democratic conferees of Westmoreland, Bedford and Cambria, composing the 19th Congressional District.

☞ Governor Morton declines a nomination again as a candidate for Governor of Massachusetts. He has been a candidate annually, for twenty-seven years, and has been twice successful, each time by one vote.

☞ The Directors of the Bank of Montgomery County, have elected John Ruyer, Esq., President of that Institution, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Jos. Thomas.

☞ George Read Riddle, Esq., has been nominated as the Democratic candidate for Congress, from Delaware, in place of Edward Wortien, Esq., who declined the nomination.

☞ The Democrats in the First District of Ohio, have nominated James J. Farren, Esq., for the next Congress. The District is at present represented by Dr. Duncan.

☞ It is stated that E. Snowden, Esq. has been removed from the office of Surveyor of the port of Amboy, and that Mr. T. Holcomb has been appointed.

☞ Joseph Bancroft, Esq., has been appointed Deputy Collector of the Customs at Newcastle, Del., and has entered upon the duties of his station.

☞ The President has officially recognized the Chevalier A. Calderon de la Barca, as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Spain.

☞ The Hon. Silas Wright has written a letter in the editors of the Plebeian, declining to be a candidate for the office of Governor.

☞ Ex-Governor Corwin, is ill at Portsmouth, Ohio, made so by excessive exertion and exposure in public speaking.

☞ Josiah S. Little, of Portland, has been nominated for Congress by the Whigs of the Cumberland District, Maine.

☞ It is said that Mr. Custer, who died in New York, last week, left a fortune of 3,000,000 dollars.

☞ The Hon. John M. Botts, lies ill at the city of Richmond, under an attack of congestive fever.

☞ John Ross, the celebrated Cherokee Chief, is at Portland, Maine, on a visit.

☞ Ex-President Van Buren, is at Saratoga. Five thousand other visitors are there.

☞ Mr. I. T. Worner, has resigned the Office of Postmaster, of Pottsville, Pa.

Educational.

☞ The annual commencement of the Middlebury College, Vt., took place July 31st. On the day previous the Literary Societies of the college were addressed by Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Rutland, and Rev. Dr. W. B. Sprague, of Albany. On commencement day the alumni were addressed by Hon. Myron Lawrence, of Belchertown. The honorary degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. Milton Badger, Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society, New York city, and on Rev. Thomas J. Conant, Professor in the Literary and Theological Institution, Hamilton, N. Y.

REV. DR. SCHAE.—It will be remembered that this gentleman, a professor in one of the German Universities, was elected President of the German Reformed College, at Mercersburgh, Pa., in place of the celebrated Krummacher, who declined the appointment. Dr. S. has just arrived in this country, and enters immediately upon his office. He is very highly spoken of, and was recommended by the station to which he is elected, by Tholuck, Krummacher, and other eminent scholars and Christians, in Germany.

☞ The Charleston Chamber of Commerce having a surplus fund, recently came to the determination to recommend the formation of a Mercantile Library Association on the plan of one in this city, and apply their surplus fund to the purchase of books for the formation of a library. Measures have already been taken for the practical realization of this generous and benevolent determination.

GETTYSBURGH COLLEGE.—This institution is in a flourishing condition. The list of students is large, and the terms are moderate. Rev. C. D. Krauth is President. The commencement takes place on the 3d of September. The orations this year, before the Societies, are Rev's. Thomas H. Stockton, and Theophilus Storke, of this city.

☞ Hon. H. H. Childs, late Lieut. Governor of Massachusetts, has been invited to a professorship in the Willoughby (Ohio) Medical College, which invitation he has accepted.

☞ The annual commencement of the University of Vermont, took place at Burlington on the 7th inst. The Literary Societies were addressed by Prof. G. W. Benedict, and the Rev. Walter Colton read a poem which is highly praised. At the conclusion of the ceremonies of the commencement, the alumni of this University held a meeting, and measures were taken to cause a monument to be erected to the memory of the late Doctor Marsh.

☞ The Boston Society for the Diffusion of Knowledge has, through its President, Daniel Webster, presented to the Mechanic Apprentices' Library Association, the sum of five hundred dollars for the purchase of books. A short time since, it will be remembered, the same society presented to the Mercantile Library Association, of Boston, a sum equal to the above.

MARIETTA COLLEGE, OHIO.—Five young gentlemen graduated at the late commencement. Addresses were delivered before the Societies by Hon. Bellamy Storer, and Rev. Dr. Cleveland, of Ohio.

☞ Mr. James Nooney, now tutor in Natural Philosophy in Yale College, has been appointed Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in the Western Reserve College, at Hudson, Ohio.

Miscellaneous News.

☞ The Newbernian, N. C., of the 6th inst. says:—"We learn that on Friday evening last, Messrs. Benjamin and Henry Mace, Executors of the late Joseph Physic, of this county, left the port of Newbern for Philadelphia, with twenty-one emancipated slaves under their charge. Mr. Physic died a few years since, and left these persons free, making arrangements for sending them from the State, according to the laws of North Carolina.

☞ The steamboat Marietta, on the 24th ult., collapsed one of her flues, a few miles below Pine Bluffs, on the Arkansas, killing a child instantly, and badly scalding several persons on board. The boat, which was on her way to Van Buren, drifted down the stream a short distance, struck a snag, and immediately sunk. She was loaded principally with dry goods, all of which will be either lost or badly damaged.

☞ Elijah Heraelson, a convict, who was confined in the jail at Fort Madison, Iowa, for horse stealing, made his escape on the 20th ult., but was again captured and taken back to the Fort, where he was set felling trees just below that town. He had chopped off a tree two feet in diameter, and when it commenced falling, threw himself on his face directly under the lower end and was killed.

☞ The three State Courts of Louisiana offer to issue new papers of naturalization to all those who hold the Elliott certificates, on their appearing and giving proof that they possess the necessary qualifications, without charge. The Judge of the District Court of the United States purposes to hold periodical sessions during the summer for the same purpose. This is just and proper.

☞ It is estimated in a foreign periodical that the money annually spent in intoxicating liquors, wholly exclusive of the cost of jails, police, &c., in France, is £52,777,777; Great Britain, £39,682,487; Sweden, £13,500,000; Prussia £9,000,000; United States, £8,032,416. This is truly a large sum to pay for poverty, disease and wretchedness.

☞ There are thirty-nine whale ships in the port of New Bedford, discharging and refitting; thirteen at New London, nine at Nantucket, nine at Sag Harbor, and six at Stonington. There are six ships absent from New Bedford, which have been out more than four years.

☞ A steam mill, at Freedom, Beaver Co., Pa., occupied by Messrs. Graham & Rogers, was burned down on Monday night of last week, occasioning a loss of $900 in patterns, and an additional loss in lumber. The building was owned by the Bank of Pittsburg.

☞ Portsmouth is the only seaport in New Hampshire, and is celebrated for ship building. A large ship, built for a New York house, is just ready to be launched by Messrs. Raynes & Fernald. She is of 1,158 tons—the largest merchantman ever built in Portsmouth.

☞ Three boys were drowned in the Connecticut river, while in the act of bathing, about 8 o'clock on Friday morning week. Two of them were sons of T. S. Parker, aged nine and ten years, and the other, a lad of ten years, the son of S. Rogers, all of Hartford.

☞ In 1840, about half a million of pounds of tobacco was grown in Connecticut. The New York Journal of Commerce says that five if not ten times that quantity will be grown this year.

Items of News.

A DUEL.—The Bayou Sara Ledger says that a duel took place about the middle of July, at Pointe Coupee, between Messrs. Pierre Porche and Jean Baptiste Bergeron. At the first fire the latter received his adversary's ball through both his thighs. He is dangerously wounded. The quarrel grew out of something which transacted during the late election.

DREADFUL DEATH.—Mr. Edward T. Shurte, of Clinton township, Huntendon county, N. J., met a most dreadful death on Friday of last week, by accidentally falling into a burning lime kiln. He was completely embedded five or six feet in burning lime, the top of the kiln falling in after him. He was a young man 27 years of age, and highly respected.

☞ The New Hampshire Herald says:—"James Patterson, of Ohseo, wishing to ascertain whether a gun was loaded, directed his friend to hold back the percussion lock while he blew into the muzzle. During the operation the lock snapped, and Mr. P. received a heavy charge in his mouth, and expired instantly."

☞ The Whitehall Chronicle says, that a Mr. Whitefield, an old gentleman, between sixty and seventy years of age, residing in the town of Athol, Warren County N. Y. was recently murdered by his wife, who inflicted several severe blows upon his head with an axe. She was insane.

☞ The Norfolk, Va., Beacon describes a cluster of six ears of Indian corn, all growing from the same stem, and covered by one shuck. Each ear is perfectly filled with grain, except a few rows where it adheres to its fellows, in which the grains are scattering.

☞ Two young ladies, daughters of Mr. Isaiah Holley, of Genesseo, (N. Y.) went in to bathe in Conesus Lake, in that vicinity, and had walked only about three rods from the shore, when they suddenly fell into very deep water, and were drowned.

☞ The sum of $1,280 has been collected from citizens of St. Louis, to aid the sufferers by the flood. The City Council appropriated $1,000 for the same purpose. We trust these examples will be everywhere followed.

☞ The schooner Rover, from Toronto, having on board the captain, his wife and child, and a man and a boy, was capsized on Lake Ontario, a few days since, and all on board perished except the captain.

☞ In the town of Manchester, N. H. three hundred tenements have been put up within three months, but still it is impossible to procure one to live in. It is a new and prosperous manufacturing village.

☞ The Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the duty on hollow wares is one and a half cents per pound. Gunny bags are free.

☞ The citizens of Rochester, N. Y., have purchased a magnificent telescope for the purpose of observing the heavenly bodies.

☞ The Secretary of the Treasury has directed trace chains to be admitted under a duty of thirty per cent., *ad valorem.*

☞ The Sea Serpent has been seen off Portland, Me. When does he intend to fulfil his engagement at Nahant?

☞ Advices from Hayti to the 31st ult., report things as very unquiet, and rebellion remaining its usual features. Jacmel is to be tried by court martial. The French Admiral of the station left for Martinique, on the 27th ult., on his return to France.

☞ On Thursday week, Roberts' large paper mill, in Weston, Mass., was entirely consumed by fire. Damage, 6,000, which was insured for $1,000 at the Middlesex Mutual Insurance Co. Loss on machinery, $5,000.

☞ The Fishkill, N. Y. Standard states that the Messrs. Warring, of Orange county, have raised on the farm of Mr. Peter Van Vliet, near Newburg, seventy-two bushels of oats from an acre of land.

☞ The Brooklyn Eagle notices a cucumber twenty-eight inches long, nine inches in circumference, weighing seven and a half pounds, raised by Thos. Cheetham, a gardener on Willoughby street.

☞ At Hartford, Conn., the experiment of covering the body with sliced onions, and renewing them often till the fever subsides, has been tried with great effect in cases of scarlet fever.

☞ Bridget Dolan, confined in the jail at Danville, Pa., under sentence of death, for the murder of Rufus G. Geri, has been pardoned by Gov. Porter, and released from prison.

☞ The Long Island Railroad Company has commenced taking passengers to Boston, leaving New York at 8 A. M., and arriving at Boston about 5 in the afternoon.

☞ The new British Parliament House, which has been many years in the hands of the builders, will soon be completed, and ready for use, till the season of 1847.

☞ The National Guards, of Trenton, N. J., are now on a visit to Easton, Pa., and are the guests of their military brethren there.

The Markets.

SALES OF STOCKS.

2195 shares	Wilmington R. R.	47¾@48
500 do.	Girard Bank,	14⅞@15
441 do.	Norristown Railroad,	74@75
100 do.	United States Bank,	9⅛@9⅜
50 do.	Schuylkill Navigation Co.,	39¼@39⅜
33 do.	Man & Mec Bank,	26
25 do.	Girard Trust Co.	40¼
22 do.	Far & Mec Bank,	44
12 do.	Schuylkill Bank,	11½
2 do.	Southwark Insurance Co.	98
$12,000	Lehigh 6's, 1844@45,	40¾
$2,000	Lehigh 6's, 1849,	40
$200	Lehigh 6's, 1845,	40¾
$3000	Reading R. R. Bonds,	87½
$1000	Penn 5's, 1st Jan. 30,	85
$2,000	Covington R. R. 6's, 1855,	95½
$500	Penna 5's, 1st Scrip,	70
$1000	States 5's, 20 L.	103½
$6000	United States 5's, 1853,	103½
$1500	Lehigh Mortgage Loan,	70@70½

NEW COUNTERFEITS.

Bank of Orange County, Chelsea, Vt.—1's, letter E, pay E. D. Bridgett. Jan 20, 1844. Jason Steel, Cashier, John Francis, President. Filling and signatures in same hand.

Hagerstown Bank, Hagerstown, Md.—1's, letter C, pay R. Cowgill, Jan. 6, 1844. Vignette, a village and bridge across a stream.

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PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

The trade of our city this week gives some manifestations of improvement—the western and southern merchants who had left home on their way, at some of our fashionable watering places, have come into the city, and commenced the purchase of their fall stock. From all that we can learn we are not merchants will do an excellent business this fall.

American Cotton and Woollen Goods.—We quote sattinette 20@25 cts per yard, brown sheetings, 7 wide, 6¼ cts, do 6-4 11@12 cts, do. bleached 10@12½ cts, do 5-4, 9@10 cts, do 4-4, 7½@8 cts, do 7-8, 6¼@6½ cts, do 6-4 woollen goods are firm with an upward tendency. *Ashes*—Last sales of western pots $4 per cwt. *Bark*—Quercitron $28 per ton; a demand at $23.50 per ton. Spanish sells at $16 per cwt. in the rough, closest out $7.50@8 per cwt. *Bottoms*—Sales of western yellow 29@30 cts per lb. *Coffee*—Nothing new in the market, and sales limited to about 300 bags Laguayra at 5¼@7c cash and time. *Cordage*—Manilla hemp is held at 9@9½ cts per lb; Russia 10 cts per lb; Lehigh hemp $3.62½ per ton, Schuylkill white sells $3.31½ @3.37½; do red sells $3.75. *Candles*—New Bedford Sperm sells at 37½ cts per lb; dipped 31½@32c; and extra do. 34@35 cts as in size. Cotton remains in the same dull and depressed state as noticed in our last report, and sales are only by retail at steady prices—we notice some choice lots at 9½c for inferior uplands, and 8½c for New Orleans. *Domestic Spirits*—Whiskey comes in slowly, and readily commands 22c for Pennsylvania gallon in hhds and bbls. New England rum 31@34 cents. New Orleans do. 65@70 cents. *Feathers*—Live 74@75c per lb. *Feathers*—Western 39c per lb. *Fish*—We notice a more active retail demand for mackerel and sales making at $10@11 for 1's, $8½@9 for 2's, and $6 for 3's. *Flour and Meal*—We have had no alteration to notice since our last weekly report—the flour market has continued very quiet with scarce any sort demanded, and the only sale we hear of is about 1200 bbls Brandywine made from new wheat at $4.37½; other descriptions may be quoted from $4 to 4.25 for sound old and good brands fresh ground—sales only for city use. Rye flour we quote at $2.75. Corn Meal—Sell in the selling, a sale of 100 bbls Brandywine at $2.44. Penna sold at $2.18½. Wheat dull—prices keep declining—we notice sales of prime new southern at 90c, fair 90c, and old Pa. 95@96. Rye we quote at 50@52c for new southern. Corn—Sales of southern yellow at 45c—old at 47c—a lot of interior at 46c for yellow, and 46c for white, sales of common quality round yellow 44 cts, good do. for market lower 43@44 cts. Oats—Sales of old Pa at 37c, and new southern 21@24c. *Hay and Straw*—Timothy 70@75 cents, clover 60@65 cents, wheat straw $1.10@5 per 100 bundles, rye do. $1.50@1.75. *Indigo*—Caracca $1.05@1.10 per lb, Manilla 87½ cts. *Iron*—Anthracite No. 1 $18@19 per ton, No. 2 $16@17, No. 3 $15@16, Bar, refined $80@85, Am. sheet $1.30@1.35, hoop $5@5½ per 100 lbs cash or 6 months, Swedes $4@4½ per 100 lbs. *Lead*—Last sale of Missouri pig lead at $3.26 per 100 lbs. *Lime*—Some firm, but moderate sales making—we notice a lot of 35 bbls of Maryland at 33c on time. *Nails*—Cut nails are sold at 5¼@5½ per lb. *Naval Stores*, except spirits of turpentine, which is now held at 40 cts are quiet. *Oils*—Sperm oil has advanced and commands readily $1a1.90 per gallon, elephant, bleached and whale—last sold at 75 cents—whale oil at 43@43 cents, do. winter 50@55 cents—lard oil at 60@65 cents per gallon, linseed 75 cts. *Paints*—We notice cargo sales at $2.44 per ton. *Provisions*—Sales of Beef are quiet at 6@7½ cts for country, and $6@7 for city. Pork—Sales of 700 barrels Mainzas and Cincinnatus known, part on terms not public, and part at $12 cash. Mr. Jefferson sells Brazil at $12 cash. Lard—Sales of 100 bbls inferior New Orleans and Cincinnatus at 6½@6¾ cents. *Soap*—Brown and yellow 3½@4½ cts per lb. *Tallow*—Domestic readily commands 8½@9c per lb. *Teas*—The sales during the week have been light, and within the following figures, viz:—Country packed compounder and imperial 58 cts a $1.25 per lb, fine and imperial 35@40 cts, nearest country packed young hyson 28 a 30 cts, do Canton packed 30@35 cents, country do gunpowder and imperial in boxes 50@55 cts. Pouchong 25@30 cts. Southong 25@30 cts. *Whiskey*—Sales of bbls at 22 cents, and hhds 22½c.

CATTLE MARKETS.

Philadelphia.—The offering comprised 900 head cattle, 4[illegible] cows and calves, 1150 sheep, and 600 swine. Prices —Of the head, 300 head from Virginia, and the balance from Pa. Sales at $3 to 5.50, the latter quality—200 head driven to N. York. Cows—Sales were dull at $8 to 32 each. Sheep and Lambs—Sales at $4@5 to $5 for much cows. Sheep and Lambs—Sales at $1.25 to 3 for ordinary to prime sheep. Swine were dull of sale at $4 @5.25 per 100 lbs—200 head unsold.

New York.—At market 1100 beef cattle, 300 from the south, 50 cows and calves, and 2700 sheep and lambs. Prices—Beef cattle are in better request at $4.25@5.50 for retaining qualities, and a few prime beasts at $—@6 left over. Cows and Calves—Sales at $13 to 50, all taken. Sheep and lambs are cheaper—we quote the former at $1.25@3.50, and the latter $1@2.62½—250 left over. Hay—A large supply of new at 50@56 cts per cwt. The crop in this vicinity is stated by the farmers generally to be good.

Baltimore, Aug. 9.—There were 635 head offered during the week, 541 of which were sold at prices ranging from $1.25 to 2 per 100 lbs on the hoof, which is equal to $2.50@4 net, according to quality and condition. Of those left on hand 234 head were driven north and the balance sold over. These prices show a slight decline, which is owing to the large offerings. Hogs—Sales have been making at 4

Selected Poetry.

THE DYING CHILD.

The night shade had crept o'er the distant hill,
'Twas spring, and the eve was cold and chill,
When a mother watched o'er her sinking child,
And the day-bird lay in his nest asleep.
When a fond young mother with weeping mild,
Sat by her dear parent on her dying couch.

With an eye too bright for a frame of clay,
As its mother's arms the infant lay,
With its head on her bosom pillowed, where
Its self it in long tranquil rest had laid,
Like struggling tenderness of mother glow,
Tinging the splendor of unknown awe.

Not a thing in that lonesome chamber stirr'd,
Not a whisper rose,—not a voice was heard,
Nor a sound, save the gasp of the parting breath,
And the strangling sigh that heralds death.
The spell of that painful stillness broke,
Till startling and sudden the dream'd one spoke.

"You remember a quiet green spot of ground,
And the mist-veil that the wild morning grew thickly around,
And a tall, broad oak, in its grandeur throws
Its cool shade alike o'er the moss and rose.
Away from the hot sun's scorching glare,—
Oh! where but from dear yet distant hymns!
Earth knows not the sound,—'twas an angel's tongue
Those kind words spoke, those soft strains sung:
'Twas the summoning,—'twas the call
With the energy of love on his dazzling brow.

"How beautiful!" mother—his form divine!
How glistening and bright his white robes shine!
How sweet is the smile of his deep blue eye!—
Kiss me, dear mother, before I die!"
From a cloud at that moment, one star came peeping,
And the soul of the child with its God was sleeping.

YOUTH AND MANHOOD.

BY RICHARD MONCKTON MILNES

Youth, that garment with such eager pace
Thy even way,
Thou panting on to win a measured race,
Then stay! oh, stay!

Pause and luxuriate in thy sunny plain:
Laster—enjoy,
Once past, thou never wilt come back again
A second boy.

The hills of Manhood wear a noble face,
Of bath care fraught,
The mist of light from which they take their grace,
Hides what they are.

The dark and dreary peak those cliffs between
Thou canst not know,
And how it leads to regions never green,
Dead fields of snow.

Pause, while thou may'st, nor deem that fate thy gain,
Which, all too fast,
Will drive thee forth from the delicious plain
A man at last.

Biography.

LIFE OF LEWIS WAY.

BY PROF. C. A. GOODRICH.

[The following biography may truly be said to illustrate the trite line that "truth is stranger than fiction." It is taken from the Christian Taylor Magazine for August. The writer was led to the chapel of Mr. Way during his first Sunday in Paris.]

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We were rather late in the morning, for my residence was two miles off. The room was crowded with persons evidently of high rank, and of polished manners. As we stood for a moment at the door; in some little embarrassment on to a seat, a gentleman at the other end of the chapel, came forward, and conducted us to a place by his side. The services had already commenced; the organ was touched by a skillful hand, which had obviously been trained in other scenes, and the whole audience were beginning to unite in a song of Zion. The accents of my native tongue sounded doubly sweet in the worship of the sanctuary, as contrasted with the gay profane scenes which fell everywhere on my ear, without the chapel. The services were all performed with the tenderness and solemnity of those who felt the blessedness of drawing near to God; and who felt it the more because they were "strangers in a barren land." Upon me, in my feeble state of body, the effect was overpowering. The reader will not think it a proof of weakness, that I wept almost without restraint during the whole service, and especially the communion which followed, if he considers the scenes of trial through which I had just passed, the associations connected with that little chapel, transformed from a ball room into the sanctuary of God, and the contrast between our employment and that of thousands around us who were wasting their Sabbath in thoughtless gaiety, sweeping like the Champs Elysees past our quiet retreat, utterly regardless of that Redeemer on whom our hearts were fixed in sweet and holy communion. It was to me indeed, "the gate of heaven;" and much as I have enjoyed the worship of the sanctuary in various parts of the world, I have never known a season which took so deep a hold on my feelings, as my *first Sabbath in Paris*, in the chapel of Lewis Way.

BLANNERHASSET.

The following article, which we cut from the St. Louis Reveille, destroys much of the romance with which the eloquence of Wirt has clothed "Blannerhasset's Island." But it must be acknowledged that the history of Lewis Carr, is quite as full of adventure and interest as any thing we have been accustomed to surmise or to believe, relative to Blannerhasset. It shifts the scene, too, to consider Carr the projecter of the Mexican exhibition, instead of Burr—Burr the original projecter. The writer was led to the chapel of Mr. Way during his first Sunday in Paris.]

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Sacred Poetry.

AHAB.

BY E. W. B. CANNING.

II. Chronicles, xviii.

A day of splendor dawneth on thy towers,
Princely Samaria! from the sunny hills
Gorges the bright flash that heralds the sun!
Thy walls, adorned from many a hostile war,
Flame with the spoils of Syria's purest age,
Thy palaces, the pride of Israel
And royal Ahab, and thy many gates,
Where lowly Judah, with unwilled brain,
All lift a purpose unto its own.
The *Court of Heaven* is set, and the Judge
The unveiled mountains, yea the gorgeous East
Lighted the curtains of her glory up
With majesty unutterable.
The embodied landscape, from the far-seen vale
Of Jordan on to Lebanon, lifts up
Its many passings to the golden hues
Of heaven-born beauty as they glow beyond!
There is a mystery in the air of earth
In the proud Capital, and struggling forms
Infrequent pace the ramparts—it may be
Of mockery reminds silent again.
As the throng stirs below them, or attempts
To unopened portals.

Hark! a brazen voice
Swells from the valley, like the clarion
That calls to battle. Shirting all the hills,
Spreads the blithe tone, and wakes an answer up
In rock and forest, till the echo hath talked
With all its tongues, and in the fastnesses
Of the far clouds, hoarse and faster heard,
Dies the last sullen echo. Then the tramp
That breaks the reverie of an untold host—
Thy warrior sons, oh Israel! Lo! their tents
Whiten the green declivities that gird
The royal city; and the gray of dawn
Hath hanging lamps in every tented field
Of snowy canvas. Summoning the brave,
A trace hath passed from Dan to Beersheba:
The pride of Palestine hath come to join
The valiant and the mighty, youth and strength,
And veteran age have burnished shield and spear,
And belted on their armor for the call.
For Ahab wareth—the unconcerned
Have smoothed the high-souled Hebrew's on the blest
Jehoshaphat hath sent to help, and leagued
His people with distances to fight
The haughty Syrian.

Morning's eye hath sped,
And the sun seeths the zenith. Oh! the sight
His splendor looks on in this favored land,
Of warriors, thronging, numberless, the curse
Of the Almighty lingereth to fall!
Oh! what a mockery the glory of its hills,
Its streams, its pastures, and its plains, where now
A matchless verdure smiles; its ancient groves,
Its cities walled, and towers of strength: its sons,
Countless as flocks that sport in happiness
Midst the green beauty of the fields, could dream
The fiery Genghis' sword should mar its gorgeousness,
And spread its ashes to the winds of Heaven!

The mustered legions wait their leaders. There
Stand in their burnished panoply the flower
Of all the tribes, whose proud number's ranged
In lessened majesty. Above their lines,
Forth to the fifth breaks the standard sheets
Of gathered Israel are all unfurled.
Here floats the pictured vine of Ephraim,
And here the lion's ramp of Judah!
Thy stag leaps almost living in the folds
That overshade thy warriors. There the wolf
Of Benjamin doth ravin or his field
Of canvase, bounding in a graphic rage—
Apt emblem of the iron men who fight
Beneath the genius of his tribe. And there
See Judah's rampant lion roars in wrath!
Woe to the foe that bears his bellowings'
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The prophet's eye was wandering, and he stood
As one in reverie. In the centre
They looked with growing fearfulness upon
His deep abstraction. Seemed that awful gaze
To Jehoshaphat's inquiring heart
The fate of nations. Heralded at length
By sigh profound, then broke his voice of wail—
As always upon the mountain desolate,
I saw all Israel lost and shepherdless!
We waste the wanderers! Ah, many a seat
Beneath the vine-tree mourns its lord in vain.
Who lies unsepulchered on Gilboa's field!
The widow's lamentation greeth up
From Hamath's mountains to the Egypt's stream!
To-morrow, Israel's throne shall lack a king—
To-morrow, and the blest of Abraham
No more from his dark burial unavenged—
To-morrow, Ahab shall be lured to doom!"
Hence to the prater, prater! Grand! away!
And be the sport of scorn!" Thus spoke
Till fiercer, laden with his trophied spoil,
Triumphs, and gives his prophecy the lie.

Now gorgeous, now in sable vesture! "To arms!"
Samaria's length and breadth, wall, streets, and gates
Bustle with warriors. Iron-girded men
In line-formed ranks hasten to form the plain.
The palace swarms with officers who wait
The monarch's orders, while through the thronged ways,
Like the wild tempest, rides the breath of fire.
Hurl the dun chariot with thunder on.
The shouts of legioned myriads, and the clang
Of thousand battle trumpets rend the air!
For the feagued Kings are to the lists gone down!

Oh, who may tell the majesty wherewith
Those armies moved beneath their monarchs' eyes!
The spears are lifted—banners to the breeze
Are thrown, and helm and buckler with a blaze
Of splendor mock the sunbeam. Judah holds
The glorious van, and like a long live stream,
With measured stateliness, within a gorge
That breaks the mountain Eastward, rides by the tribe.
The martial train wheels, flashes, disappears
The sun is low above Gath Rimmon's top,
When the last phalanx passes from the view,
And of that multitude his latest beam
Seen in the valley not a lingerer.

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Another bright day's sunset bathes the hills
That gird Samaria. Their green and gold
Deep in their soft, unclouded blue
As though Earth knew no grief forevermore.
All! that is not the voice of joy that comes
From the vine-clad Capital, and struggling forms
Of bereavement, for all Israel mourns
Her, struggling to be free from these alone, the wrecks
Of greater morn's illustrious hosts of war,
Inglorious, fugitive, ashamed, alone,
Sullied with battle, dust, defeat, and blood
Neath Ephraim's vines the voice of minstrelsy
And mirth is hushed, and sorrowing maidens lift
Their lamentations for the slain. Each home
Husbands, and sires, and sons, and brothers weep
To the ravaged slaughter forth with pride and song.
And there there dawns no light on their hearth
And the eye ached with weeping as it looks
Toward fatal Gilead's fields whereon they lie.
Yea for the mighty of the land, the chief
Hath thinned the chosen people! Trailed and torn
Are Israel's banners, and the Syrian
Hath trodden down her plumes! Weep, for the throne
Hath lost its monarch, and the kingless tribes
Mourn without leader, who shall woo to meet
Samaria's pool hath drunk his royal blood!"—*Trelawne. Needlewedge, Mass.*

Our Scrap Book.

☞ An itinerant dentist lately called at a house in one of the far west towns, and applied for business. "Don't you want your teeth drawn?" says he to the owner. "No." "Don't your wife?" "No." "None of the children?" "No." "Can't you give me some sort of a job?" asked the dentist. "Why," replied the man, "I have an old *cross cut saw* the teeth of which are out of order. You can have a job if you'll fix 'em!"

☞ A sign over a cobbler's shop, in the village of Hesselton, in New Wales, has on it the following wording:—"Boots and shoes mended; Boser, bacon and ginger bred; eggs laid every morning and very good Pradis—in the sumer gentlemen and lady can have good tea and crumpets and strawberry and creame—with skim in becase I can't get no creame.—N. B. ahuse and boots mended very well."

☞ "Such is the pressure of the times in our town," said a Birmingham manufacturer to his agent in London, "that we have good workmen who get up the inside of a watch for eighteen pence before this time, but nothing could induce them to work under that price now. I suppose, if you were to send a couple of hundred to London," replied his friend, "we have boys who will get up the inside of a chimney for sixpence!"

☞ There is a story told of the late Lord Mansfield, when Chief Justice of the King's Bench, that he thus retorted upon a counsel, who, in a market day, urged as a reason why that he entirely differed with him, in law and opinion; his Lordship replied, "To be sure you do! I know that very well!" You are paid to do so!"

☞ An exceeding tall gentleman was walking with a very short friend in the midst of a heavy shower, when the latter observed, "Bill, ain't it coming down!" Bill, lifting his shoulders still higher, said, "I don't know how it may be with you; but it's raining like blazes up here!"

☞ At an inquest on a drowned person, held last week at Edmonton, there was some evidence that the deceased had been in a state of destitution, and thereupon one of the jurymen wished to return as his verdict, "Found drowned for want of necessary food!"

☞ A dandy, who wanted the milk passed to him at one of our taverns, thus asked for it "Landlady, please pass your cow down this way." To whom the landlady thus retorted "Waiter, take the cow down where the *calf* is bleating."

☞ A new work has just been published, entitled "*The Afflicted Man's Companion.*" The best companion we know of for an afflicted man, is an amiable woman. We'll back her against anything.—*Uncle Sam.*

☞ Uncle Sam says if a young lady slaps your face you may be sure there's something in the wind. You may "pop the question" as quick as you please. The ladies don't do such things for nothing.

☞ A person thinly dressed on a very hot day, sitting down in a violent perspiration, was cautioned against catching cold. "Catch it!" said he, wiping his face, "where! I wish I could catch it."

☞ "You are a coward," said a low London to a poor countryman who had refused to fight. "No I beant," said the countryman. "I have nothing to do with cowe, I am a shepherd!"

☞ The booksellers are advertising a book of "Fairy *Leg-ends*." It must have some curious *fect-ures* about it, the Louisville Courier thinks.

☞ Why is a young lady just from a boarding school like a building committee? Because she is ready to receive proposals.

☞ An exchange paper gives the following effusion of some inspired poet:

I kissed the cute rosy head I held,
I pressed the fairy form,
I vowed I'd shield her from the blast,
And from the world's cold storm:
She raised her melting eyes to mine,
They were filled with drops of we;
With quivering lip she heard the pain:
"Now, darn ye, let me go"

☞ A "motion seller" was offering Yankee clocks, finely varnished and colored, and with a looking-glass in front, to a certain lady not remarkable for personal beauty. "Why, it's beautiful," said the vender. "Beautiful, indeed! I look at it almost frightens me!" said the lady. "Then, marm," replied Jonathan, "I guess you'd better buy one that hain't got no looking-glass."

☞ The wonders of corn cutting will never cease. The other day a travelling chiropodist not only extracted a corn from a gentleman's foot, but actually succeeded in removing a "Bunyan" from a bookcase, without the owner being aware of it.

☞ A Yankee at the west advertises that he will mend clocks, lecture on phrenology, milk cows at the halves, and go clamming at low tide. During his leisure will have no objections to edit a newspaper in the bargain.

☞ Dr. Cassin, having heard the famous Thomas Fuller repeat some verses on a scolding wife, was so delighted with them as to ask a copy. "There is no necessity for that," said Fuller, "as you have got the original."

☞ "How long have you been gone?" inquired a master of a young apprentice, lately, upon his return from an errand lately. "About as long as I went, sir—about four feet six!" was the fearfully sharp reply.

☞ "Boys," said Admiral Trunton, as his fleet closed in combat with the Dutch under Admiral de Winter, "you see a severe *Winter approaching*, I advise you *to keep up a good fire.*"

☞ At an evening party a gentleman carving a chicken asked a lady what part she preferred. "I will take a foot handle," said she.

☞ Why did Adam, when alone, find the day long? Because it was always morning without Eve.

Selected Articles.

A COURT SCENE IN GEORGIA.

A friend of mine has recently returned from an excursion into the —— circuit in this State. He tells me that while in the county of —— he strayed into the Court house, and was present at an arraignment of a man by the name of Henry Day, who was charged with attempting to kill his wife. Day was a pale little man, and the wife was a perfect behemoth. The indictment being read, the prisoner was asked to say whether he was "guilty or not guilty."

He answered, "There's a mighty chance of lawyer's lies in the papers; but some part is true. I did strike the old lady; but she hit me powerfully first. She can swear equal to little of anything, and she is awful. I reckon what you say about the devil moving me is pretty tolerable correct, seeing as how she moved me. I have told all I know 'bout the circumstances. Squire Jones thereon gave me a five dollar bill, and I allow he'll take it out for me." 'Squire Jones thereupon rose and said he had a point of law to raise in this case, which he thought conclusive. It was an established rule of law, that man and wife were but one; and he should like to know if a man could be punished for whipping himself: he should be glad to hear what the Solicitor General had to say to that. The Solicitor General answered, that he thought his brother Jones had carried the maxim a little too far men had often been punished for beating their wives. If a man should kill his wife, it would not be suicide.

Here Squire Jones interposed, and defied the Solicitor General to produce any authority to that effect. The Solicitor General looked at "Green and Lumpkin's Georgia Justice" for some minutes, and then observed that he could not find the authorities just then, but he was sure he had seen the principle somewhere, and he called on the Judge to sustain him. In the enthusiasm of counsel on the point, they forgot to offer any evidence as to the guilt or innocence of Day in the premises. The Judge, likewise, being oblivious of the fact, proceeded to charge the jury. He told them that a man and wife were one. He remarked that in either event, the man was legally bound to suffer; and, therefore, come as they would, Day was undoubtedly guilty. He said he would not decide the question whether if a man kill his wife it was murder or suicide.

He was not prepared to express an opinion on that point; it was a very delicate one, and he had no idea of committing himself. [Some one here observed that he was mighty fond of committing others.] He then called the bailiff, a tremendous looking cracker, wearing a broad brim hat, (I never saw a man South of latitude thirty-three, that did not wear a white hat with crape,) and proceeded to admonish him that the jury were very much in the habit of coming in drunk with their verdict, and that if it happened in this case, he would discharge the prisoner, and put the punishment upon him. The bailiff gave him a significant look of sympathy. He then explained that other people besides the jury came into Court drunk, when some people were drunk themselves! The jury then retired, and so did my friend.

The court-day he returned, and found matters *in statu quo*, except that Day and his wife had made up, and were discussing the merits of a cold fowl and a quart of beer, now and then interchanging kisses, despite the frowns and becks of the officers. The Judge, Clerk, and Sheriff, had been up all night, and looked wolfish; and the bailiff was seated on his white hat at the door of the jury room, and this indicated that he had swallowed the concentrated venom of a thousand wild cats. The most awful curses, oaths, and sounds, proceeded from the jury rooms; some were roaring like lions, some crying like children, mewing like cats, neighing like horses, &c. Finally a consultation was held at the jury-room, between the foreman and the bailiff; whereupon the latter, putting his hat one-sided on his head, came into the court room, and announced, in a thundering voice: "Mister, Tom Jakes says the jury don't agree about this here man; and if you keep him [that is Tom Jakes] without going any further, they'll stay there all night!" The Judge appealed to the bar if this was not a contempt of Court; and "Green and Lumpkin's Georgia Justice" having been consulted, it was finally decided that it was a threat addressed to the Judge as a private individual, and was to "whip him on sight," and not on the bench; it was not, under the free, and enlightened principles of Georgia legislation, a contempt of Court. This being settled, the Judge directed the bailiff to say to Tom Jakes, the foreman, "the jury should agree if they staid there through eternity." The bailiff retired, and so did my friend—but he gives it as his opinion, from the flame of which he left all parties, the juries and bailiffs are still there.

STRANGE.

Strange, that the wind should be left so free,
To play with a flower or tear a tree;
To range or ramble where'er it will,
And, as it lists, be fierce or still;
Absent and around to breathe of life,
Or to mingle the earth and sky in strife;
Gentle to whisper, with morning light,
Yet to growl like a fettered fiend at night;
Or to note, and chronicle, and listen to duty,
Would we wonder but murmur—but hope and trust.

SONG.

FROM THE BOSTON EVENING GAZETTE.

Love's a bird you should not cage—
Learn him free of wing;
And with gentle lure engage
The fluttrers to sing.

A prisoner—though he sing herred with golden
It only make the captive sigh,
Yet struggling vainly, pines his bold,
His heart breaks in love and die.

Believe, believe a maiden's words—
That Love's a princely like a bird

Speak not harshly—he can't brook
Words of chiding sound;
Smile of coldness—doubtful look,
Oft are fatal found.

Though you bind him not to room,
Let him think he's free;
And he'll make his home
The nest of Liberty!

Oh yes! believe a maiden's words—
That Love's a princely like a bird

THE FRONTIER WEST.

A correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce gives an amusing description of manners and doings on the remote frontier of the West. The introduction of judicial authority and forms into the wilderness of Iowa, some years ago, is illustrated by the following story. Iowa is now the finest frontier country in the West, and is settling up very fast. Judge Williams related to me some amusing scenes that he witnessed, when he first started on his circuit, for the purpose of organizing and holding his first courts among the rude frontier people. In many counties they had not time even to erect any kind of a shelter for a court-house. The best provision which could be made, was to form seats of logs beneath the shade of a large tree, with a raised seat near its body, for the Judge. The Sheriff would open our court by mounting a stump or mound, near by, and crying, "*Oh yes, oh yes,*" &c., announcing to the whole universe that the court was then opened, and inviting all who had business to attend. The clerk sat on a block of wood, and used a shingle on his knee for a desk. After the Grand Jury were empannelled and charged by the Judge, they were sent in charge of the Sheriff to a large hollow, or ravine, in which they could sit in conclave, beyond the view of the court or spectators. A smaller hollow or ravine was appropriated for the use of the Petit Jury.

The grass grew very tall in the neighborhood, and if the Jurymen lay down in a ring in the grass, they could still more perfectly exclude themselves from observation. The Judge said, that one day, after having charged the Grand Jury, and dismissed them to their quarters in the large hollow, a tall, raw-boned, free Yankee looking man, with hat in hand, addressed him as follows: "May it please your honor, I wish to speak to you." "Order sir, what is it?" "Judge," continued he, with the utmost gravity, "is it right for the fellows to snake in the grass?" "What is that, sir?" "Why you see," said the Yankee, "there's some fellows who's tarnal fraid the Grand Jury will find something against 'em, which they deserve, and they are snaking up to the Grand Jury, on their hands and knees, and trying to hear what the Jury are talking about." "No," responded the Judge, with as much gravity as he could command. "I do not allow of '*Snaking*.' Here, Mr. Sheriff, go station a guard around each *Jury's hollow*, and if a man is found *a-snaking*,' have him brought before me, and I will cause him to be punished. Indeed, if this 'Snaking' is persisted in, I shall recommend a special act to be passed, making it a misdemeanor."

The fact was, the Judge said, there were present at the time, some barefooted vagrant rascals who were probably justly suspected of horse stealing and the like, who had come into the Grand Jury, in order to find out whether the Jury intended to present them; and if so, to gain time by this clandestine warning, and flee the jurisdiction of the court by escaping into Missouri. He related many other curious scenes, which I have no time to repeat.

SUMMER AFTERNOON.

The farmer sat in his easy chair,
Smoking his pipe of clay,
While his wife did sew and busy care,
Was closing the dinner away.
A sweet little girl, with bright blue eyes,
On her grandfather's knee was catching flies.

The old man placed his hand on her head,
With a tear on his wrinkled face—
He thought how often her mother (now dead)
Had sat, long ago, in that place
As the tear stole down his half shut eye,
"Don't smoke," said the child, "for it makes you cry."

The house-dog slumber'd upon the floor,
The wee cat near him purred,
The busy old wife, by the open door,
Was busy as ever she could be,
And the old brass clock on the mantel-tree
Had plodded along to almost three.

Still the farmer sat in his easy chair,
While closer the house-dog crept,
The mouser'd hour and the head so fair
Of his grandchild dear were prest'd.
His wife forgot her work in her lap,—
Fast asleep were they both on that summer day.

Choice Selections.

TIME.

BY JASPER MAYNE 1640.

Time is the feather'd thing,
And whilst I praise
The sprightliness of thy locks, and call them rays,
Takes wings—
Leaving behind him, as he flies,
An unperceived sting in thine eyes
His minutes, within they're told,
Do make us old.
And every sand of his fleet glass,
Increasing age as it doth pass,
Insensibly sows wrinkles there.
Where flowers and roses do appear:
Thy very dust, our fire
Doth into ice expire.
Flames turn to frost, and ere we can
Know how our cheek turns pale and wan,
Or how a silver snow
Springs in the place where jet did grow,
Our fading spring's in dull winter lost.

SARATOGA.

Jo Sykes, in the New York Commercial Advertiser gives the following interesting particulars about Saratoga.

I have visited all the springs for which this place is so famous, and I have been astonished to find that there are more than eighteen in number. How many more there are to be discovered no one can of course foretell. It is said the healing virtues of these waters were known to the Indians at an early day. The first white man to whom the knowledge was imparted was their great friend Sir William Johnson, about the year 1767. He was sick and they thought he would die; they therefore bore him on a litter to the springs, and there while these springs were then concealed, and gave him the waters to drink, in a few weeks he was restored to health. After the independence of the United States was acknowledged and peace proclaimed, the fame of these waters was spread through the woods, then inhabited by bears, wolves and all sorts of wild animals, and near the High-rock spring he built a tent, to which he resorted with his family for his health and their health. The great pioneers were followed by others, who built and settled here permanently, and now there is a large town, with numerous long streets and many splendid palaces, which are filled, instead of the wigwams of one solitary visiter, there are, at this hour, probably three thousand, in pursuit of health and pleasure.

A KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES.—Gentlemen who travel abroad should be able to speak more languages than their native language. An English gentleman once asked a German lady, who spoke no English, said he had learned "only to have a peach." "Nein" (no,) said the lady. "Nine," exclaimed he, "why, there's but six on the plate, however, take 'em all."

CURIOUS EPITAPH.—The following original epitaph is on a grave-stone in Bittesweil church yard.

The world's a city, full of crowded streets,
And death the market where each person meets
If life was merchandize that man could buy,
The rich would live, and all the poor must die

PORosity OF THE SKIN.—From microscopic observation it has been computed that the skin is perforated with a thousand holes in a square inch. If the whole surface of the human body be estimated at sixteen square feet, it must contain no fewer than 2,304,000 pores.

PLACE NO CONFIDENCE in imaginary prosperity—never venture beyond your depth—live within your means—think of making a living, and not a fortune—look ahead—take care of the rainy days, be prudent—be temperate—be humble.

A LONG NOSE, AND NO MISTAKE.—Within a few miles of Wilmington there lives a merry cobbler, whose nose is so long, that when he takes snuff he is obliged to walk forward three paces to reach its point.

RECEIPT.—How to make a pair of boots last a number of years. Melt three parts of mutton tallow with one of toad—give them a thorough application of the mixture, and—be careful not to wear them.

TO MAKE GINGER-POP.—Take a large root of ginger, and after boring a hole in it, fill with gunpowder and plug up. Put it on a hot fire, and in a few moments you will find your ginger-pop.

A BAPTISM at Woodchester, the other day, was attended by the infant's mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother, that is, his grandmother's grandmother.

THERE is a manufacturer in Pudsey, who has lately got an order for eight miles and a quarter of cloth. He has already executed a few miles of the order.

SPONGE-CAKE.—A very light cake may be made by enclosing a thin coating of dough. It requires no salting, but may be sweetened to the taste.

HOW UNLIKE ARE MEN and dogs. The former forget services and remember injuries; the latter forget injuries and remember kindnesses.

TOO BAD.—A London paper says the Queen has reached her twenty-fifth year; but in doing so, she stood tip-toe, and sprained her ankle!

BY COMPASSION we make others misery our own; and by relieving them, we relive ourselves also.

FLATTERY is like false money; and if it were not for our vanity could never pass in payment.

RASPBERRY JAM.—Put sixty-four raspberries into a goose-quill, and your jam is complete.

THE LITTLE ERRAND RUNNER.

BY ALEXANDER SMART.

AIR—"*O'er the Main, Among the Heather.*"

I never saw a bairnie yet
An errand rin mair than Mary,
An', oh, she's proud the praise to get
When home she trips as light 's a fairy.
In no vex'd hurry she rins her